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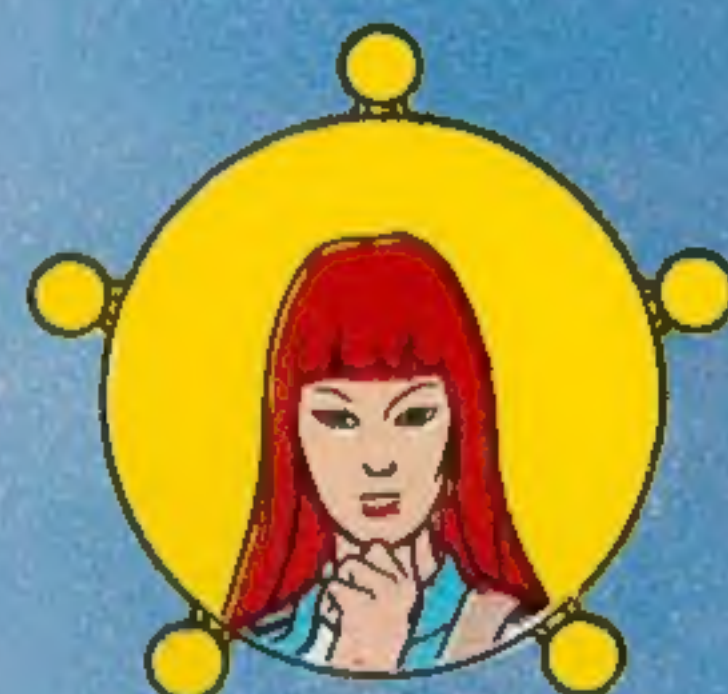
GALAXY RANGERS



SO THAT'S WHY
THEY CALL THIS PLACE
THE **BADLANDS!**



Zachery Foxx



Niko



Doc Hartford



Shane Gooseman

BETA BULLETINS

Get ready for explosive action this issue as 21st century hardware clashes with prehistoric fury in the storm-wracked twilight of the **BADLANDS**! Prepare for non-stop excitement in this, the fabulous third issue of **GALAXY RANGERS**, as our heroes ride into danger to save a stranded team of **BETA** archaeologists who are trapped by ferocious alien tribesmen! The location for this mayhem is the wild planet Ventrux, a world described in the *CONCISE BETA ARCHIVES* as "a most hostile and barbarous environment where the most extreme care is recommended" and which most other people call "the meanest, baddest place there could possibly be." So join us for what promises to be not only the Rangers greatest adventure, but also possibly their last!

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This issue also sees the **SILVERHAWKS** get their first taste of real action, as they leave Earth and head for the Limbo Galaxy to do battle with the terrible **Mon☆star**!

After all that you'll probably be more than ready to stop off at Duffy's Place for a relaxing drop of draught Bug Juice and a friendly chat with some of the regulars. Maybe they'll help you get your breath back in time for all the action and suspense of issue four!

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GALAXY RANGERS

IT IS THE STORM SEASON ON THE PLANET VENTRUX. IT'S ALWAYS THE STORM SEASON.



OUTPOST E2 GUARDS THE WESTERN BORDER OF THE COLONY HERE, KEEPING OUT THE STORMS AND THE WILDERNESS... AND WORSE. GO BEYOND E2, AND YOU'RE IN THE PLACE THEY CALL THE BADLANDS...

YOU'D HAVE TO BE MAD TO GO THERE...



...MAD OR VERY BRAVE...



...OR BOTH!



...AND THEY'LL BE AFTER YOUR BLOOD!

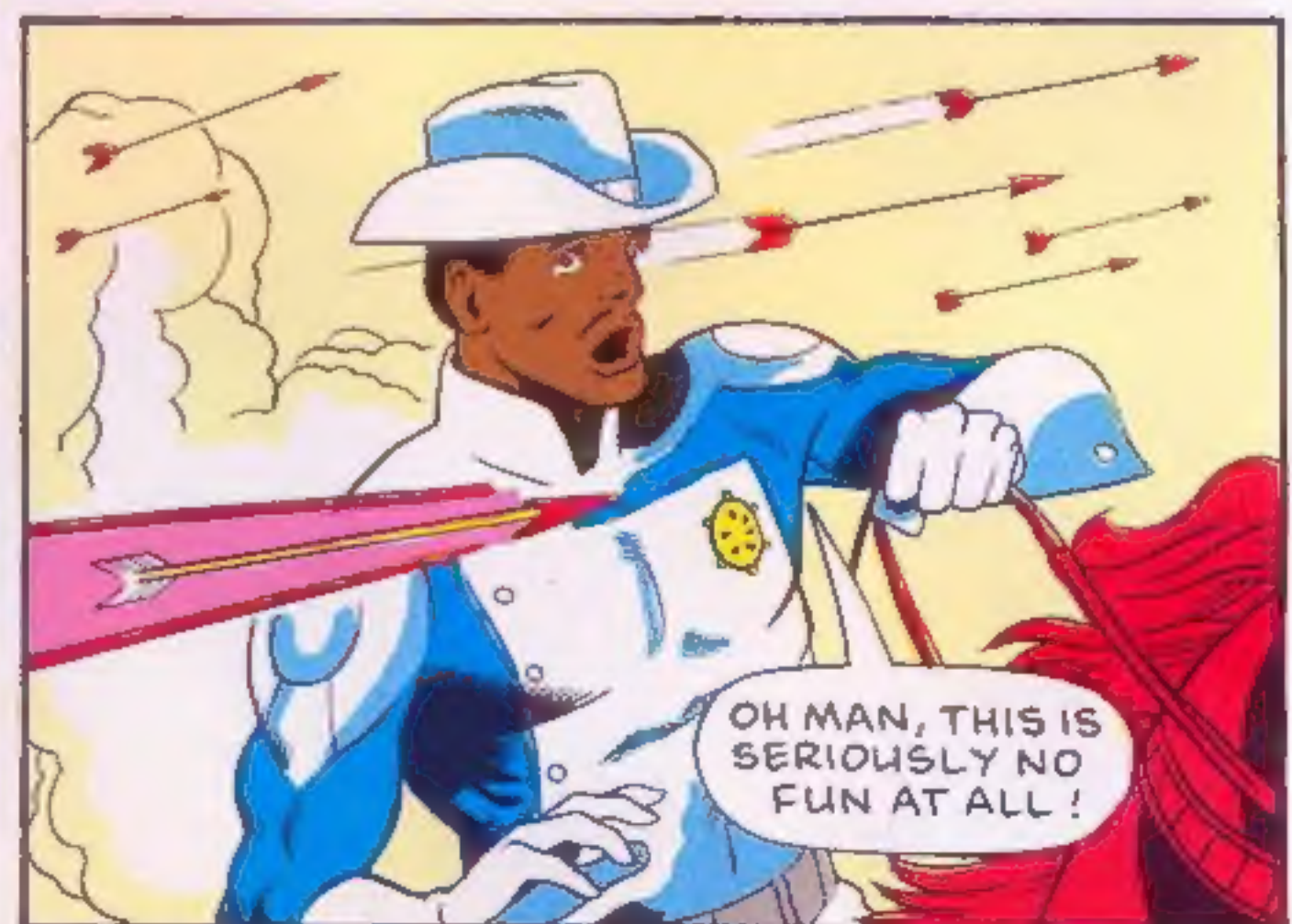
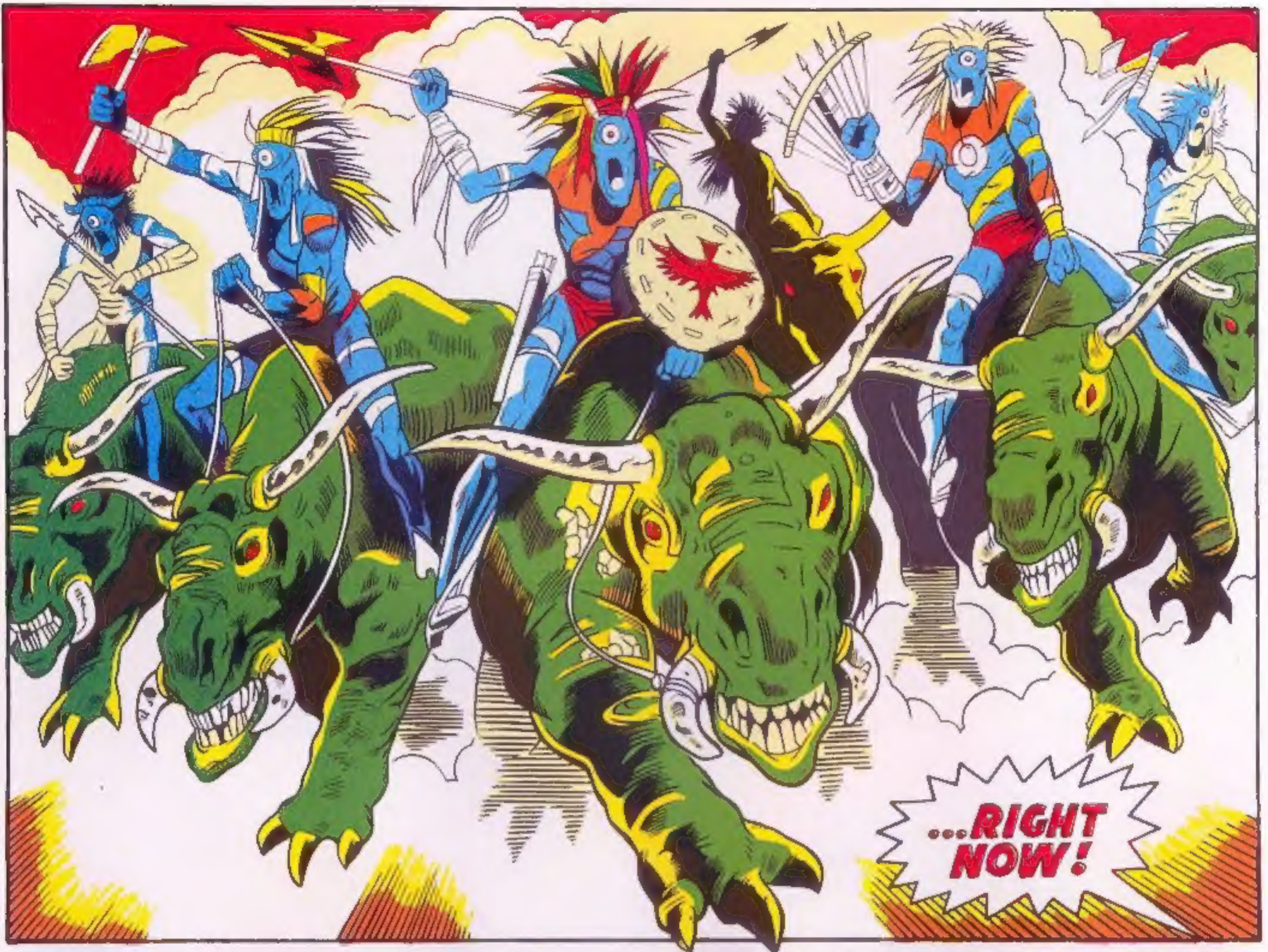
WE'LL BE CAREFUL THEN.



BADLANDS!

Story Dan Abnett Art Kev Hopgood and Simon Colby lettering Mark King Colour Paul Jacques







HEY! THEY'RE SLOWING DOWN! THEY'RE GIVING UP THE CHASE!



IT'S AS IF THEY WON'T FOLLOW US DOWN THIS CANYON!



SAFE FOR A MOMENT, THE RANGERS STOP TO REST...

NIKO! WHAT'S WRONG?

I DON'T KNOW, DOC...



NIKO'S TELEPATHIC POWERS SCREAM OUT A PROTEST.

...THERE'S A TERRIBLE FEELING ABOUT THIS PLACE... TERRIBLE FEAR AND ANGER...



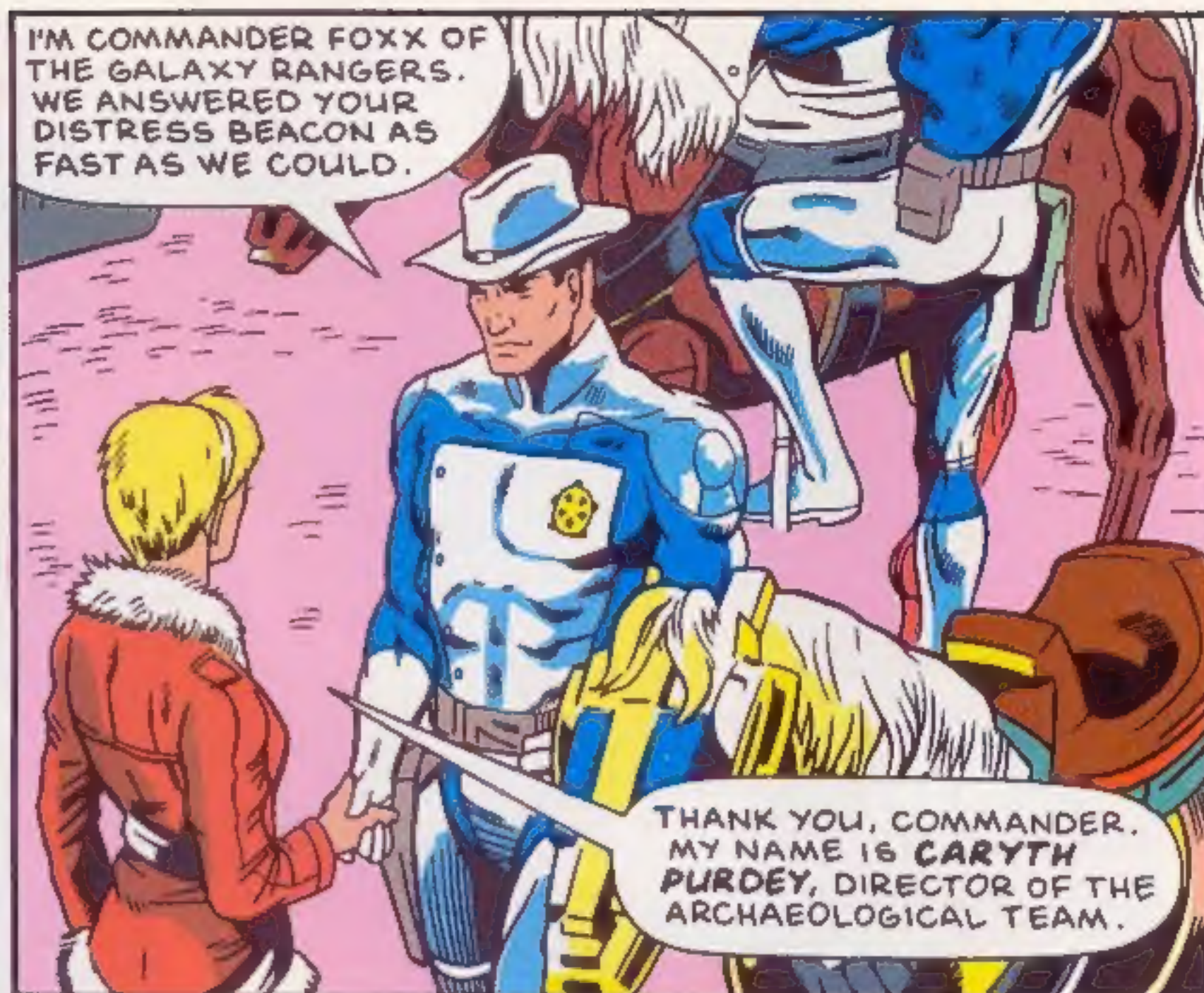
NO MATTER WHAT YOU SENSE, NIKO, WE HAVE TO PRESS ON DOWN THE CANYON.

I KNOW, COMMANDER FOXX, BUT I'M SCARED ABOUT WHAT WE'RE GOING TO FIND!





STAND GUARD AT THE CANYON MOUTH? WAY AHEAD OF YOU, ZACHERY, I'M ON IT!



I'M COMMANDER FOXX OF THE GALAXY RANGERS. WE ANSWERED YOUR DISTRESS BEACON AS FAST AS WE COULD.

THANK YOU, COMMANDER. MY NAME IS CARYTH PURDEY, DIRECTOR OF THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL TEAM.



WE'VE BEEN EXCAVATING THIS SITE FOR ABOUT TWO MONTHS, BUT NATIVE ATTACKS HAVE MADE IT ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO CONTINUE WITH OUR WORK.

WHAT IS THIS THING, CARYTH?



AN ALIEN ARTIFACT MADE OF UNUSUAL ALLOYS. WE KNOW VERY LITTLE ABOUT IT, I'M AFRAID, EXCEPT THAT IT'S VERY OLD AND NOT FROM THIS WORLD!



THE TERRIBLE FEELINGS... THEY'RE COMING FROM THIS STRUCTURE...

...PERHAPS I CAN FIND OUT MORE!



WHAT DOES SHE MEAN, COMMANDER?

I SUGGEST WE FOLLOW HER AND FIND OUT!

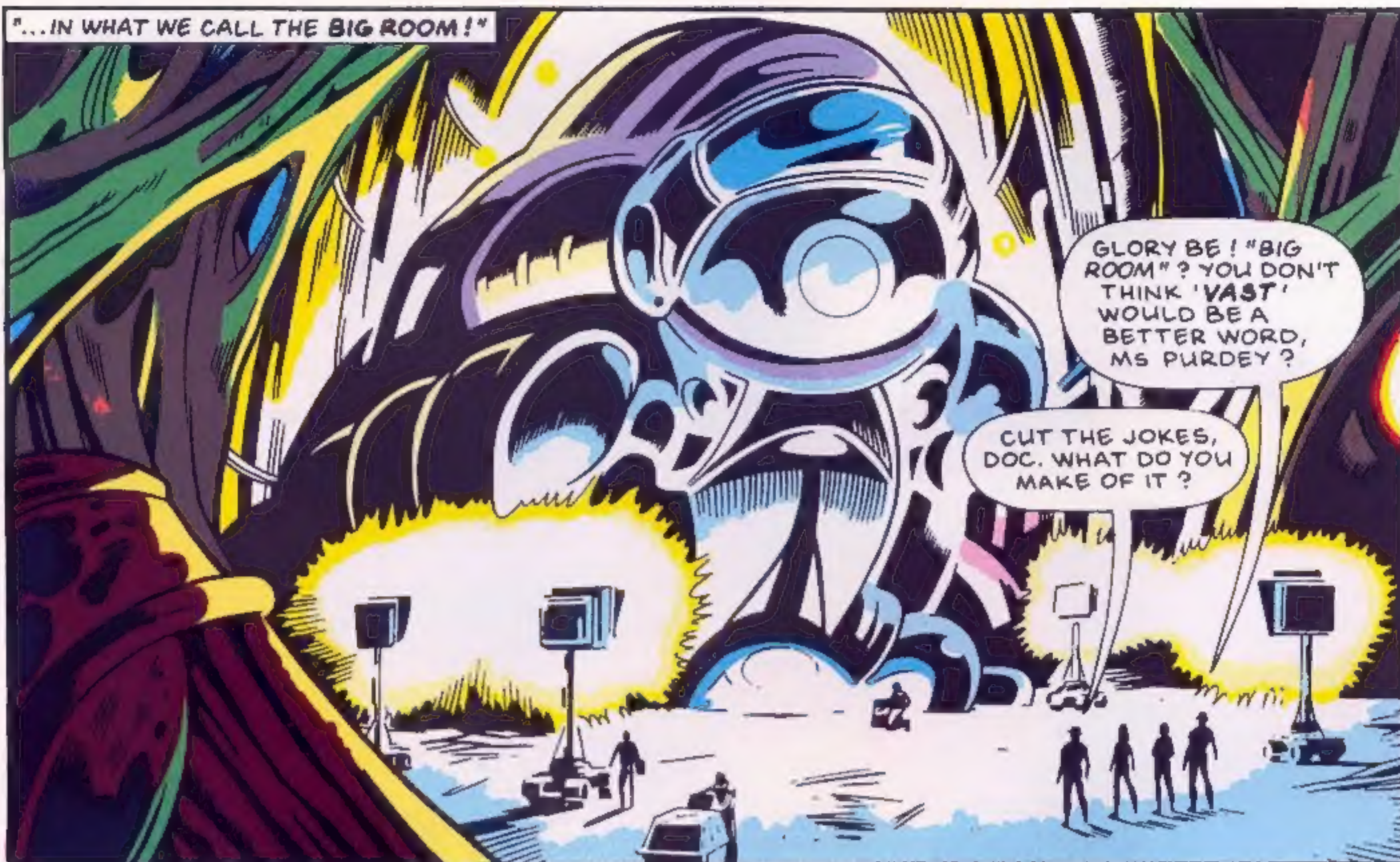


INSIDE THE STRUCTURE...

DESPITE ITS AGE, I SENSE THERE IS SOME POWER SOURCE STILL FUNCTIONING HERE, ZACHERY.

YOUR TEAM-MATE IS CORRECT, COMMANDER. THE OPERATIVE SYSTEM IS THROUGH HERE...

"...IN WHAT WE CALL THE BIG ROOM!"



GLORY BE! "BIG ROOM"? YOU DON'T THINK 'VAST' WOULD BE A BETTER WORD, MS PURDEY?

CUT THE JOKES, DOC. WHAT DO YOU MAKE OF IT?



HMMM... SENSORY DISHES... LIGHT ARRAYS PULSING IN GEOMETRIC CONFIGURATIONS... IT LOOKS LIKE THE GRANDDADDY OF ALL ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCES!

INTELLIGENCE? LIKE IT'S ALIVE?



LET ME SEE...

BE CAREFUL!



NIKO KNOWS WHAT SHE'S DOING, CARYTH.

NIKO REACHES OUT TO TOUCH THE FLICKERING LIGHTS...



... AND ACTIVATES THE CHARGE OF THE SERIES FIVE IMPLANT!

AT ONCE, HER TELEPATHIC POWERS SWEEP HER THOUGHTS FAR BACK...

...INTO THE PAST!

"ZACHERY! THIS IS INCREDIBLE! THIS WHOLE STRUCTURE WAS ONCE A VAST STARSHIP THAT CRASHED HERE DURING VENTRUX'S PREHISTORY!"

"IT WAS CARRYING CRIMINALS FROM A DISTANT PLANET, SOME OF WHOM SURVIVED AND WERE FORCED TO SCRATCH OUT A LIVING IN THESE HOSTILE LANDS."

"THEY WERE ANCESTORS OF THE SAVAGE TRIBESMEN! BUT MOST AMAZING IS THIS COMPUTER! IT WAS DESIGNED TO BROADCAST SOOTHING EMPATHIC WAVES TO CALM ANY AGGRESSION IN THE CRIMINALS..."

"THE MACHINE WAS DAMAGED IN THE CRASH AND HAS BEEN MALFUNCTIONING FOR CENTURIES... IT'S BROADCASTING NOT SOOTHING CALM..."

"...BUT PURE
HATRED!"



THAT'S WHAT I
SENSED AS WE
APPROACHED...

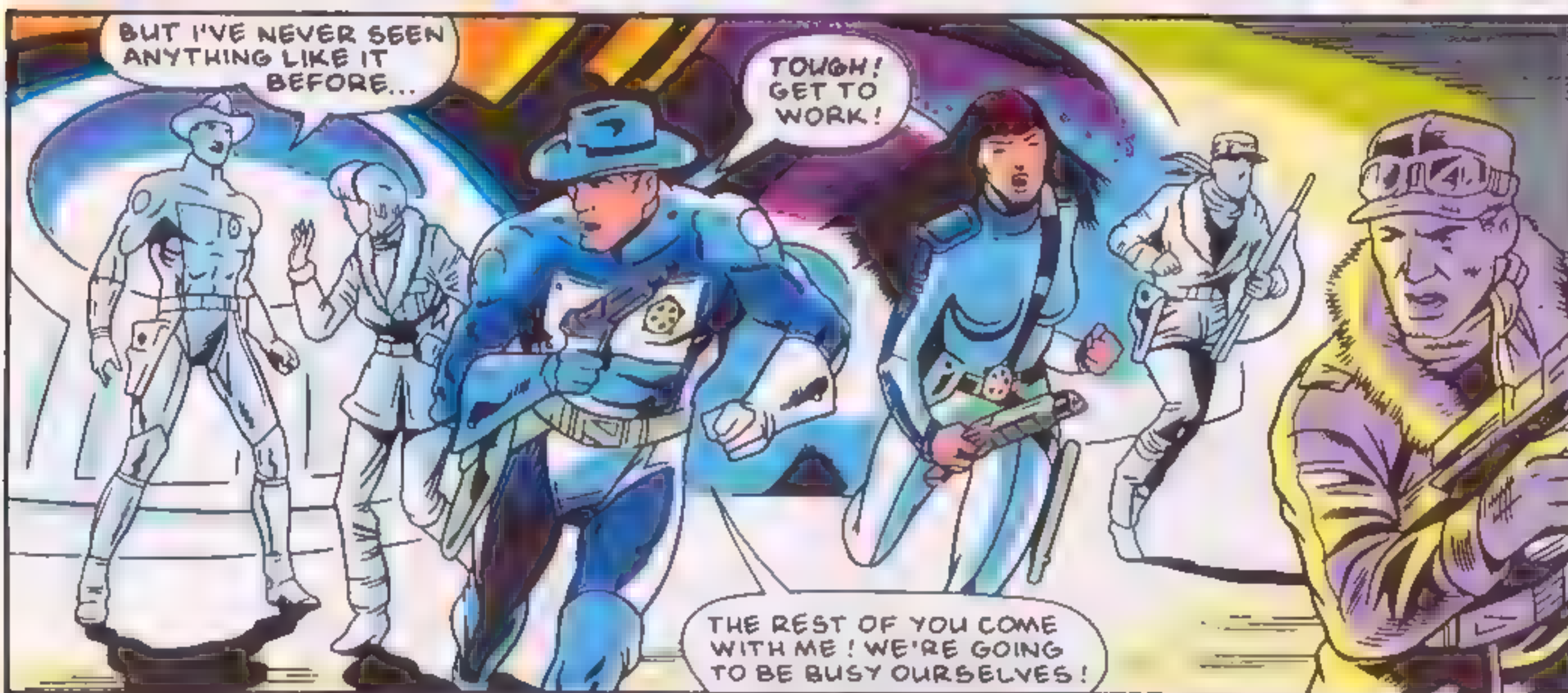
GOOD LORD! NO
WONDER THEY ARE
SO SAVAGE! THIS
MACHINE HAS
DRIVEN THEM MAD!

ZACHERY!



THAT WAS GOOSE!
HE'S IN TROUBLE!

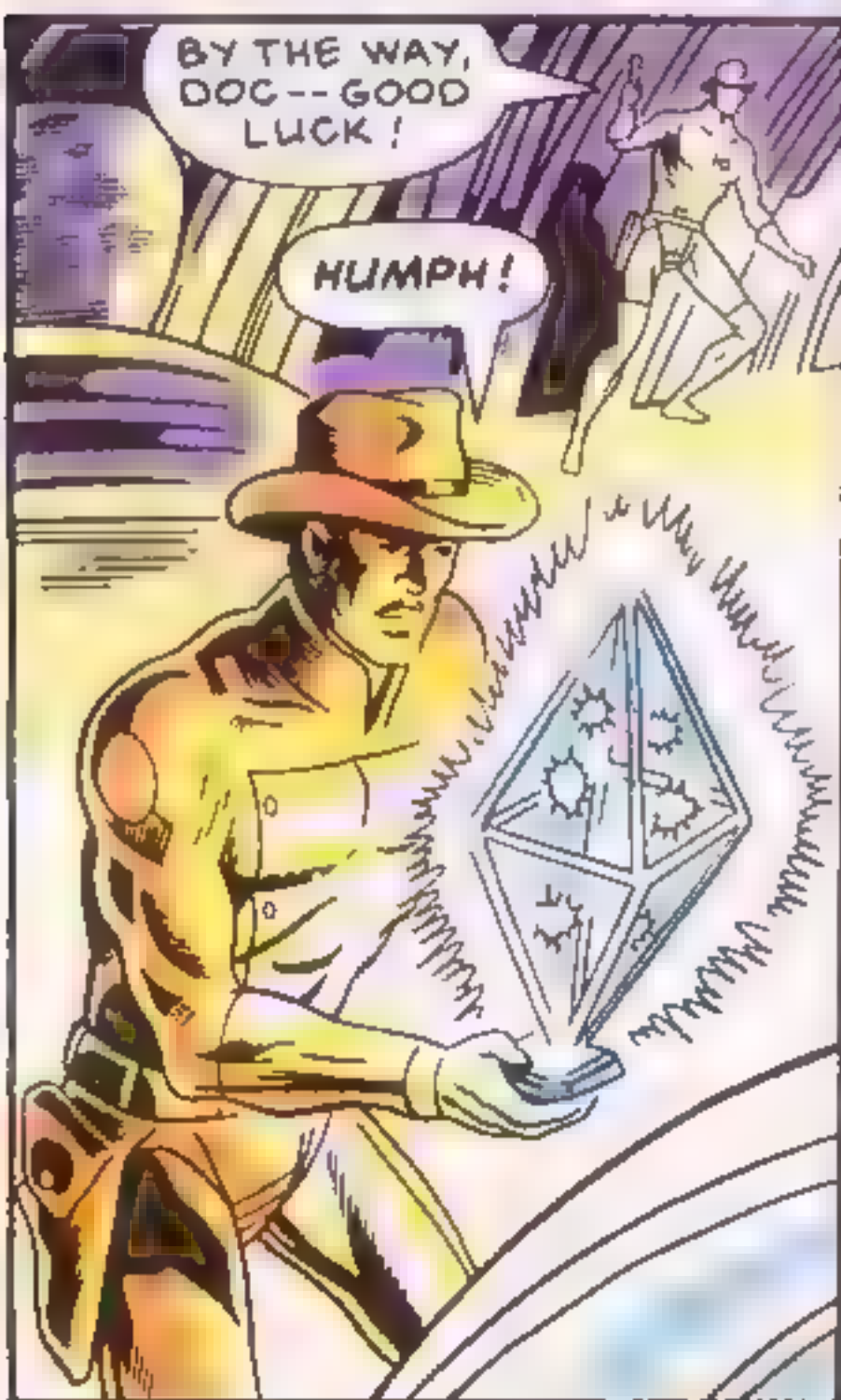
DOC--YOU'VE GOT TO
OPERATE LIKE NEVER
BEFORE! CURE THIS
MACHINE, OR SHUT IT
DOWN ALTOGETHER!



BUT I'VE NEVER SEEN
ANYTHING LIKE IT
BEFORE...

TOUGH!
GET TO
WORK!

THE REST OF YOU COME
WITH ME! WE'RE GOING
TO BE BUSY OURSELVES!



BY THE WAY,
DOC--GOOD
LUCK!

HUMPH!



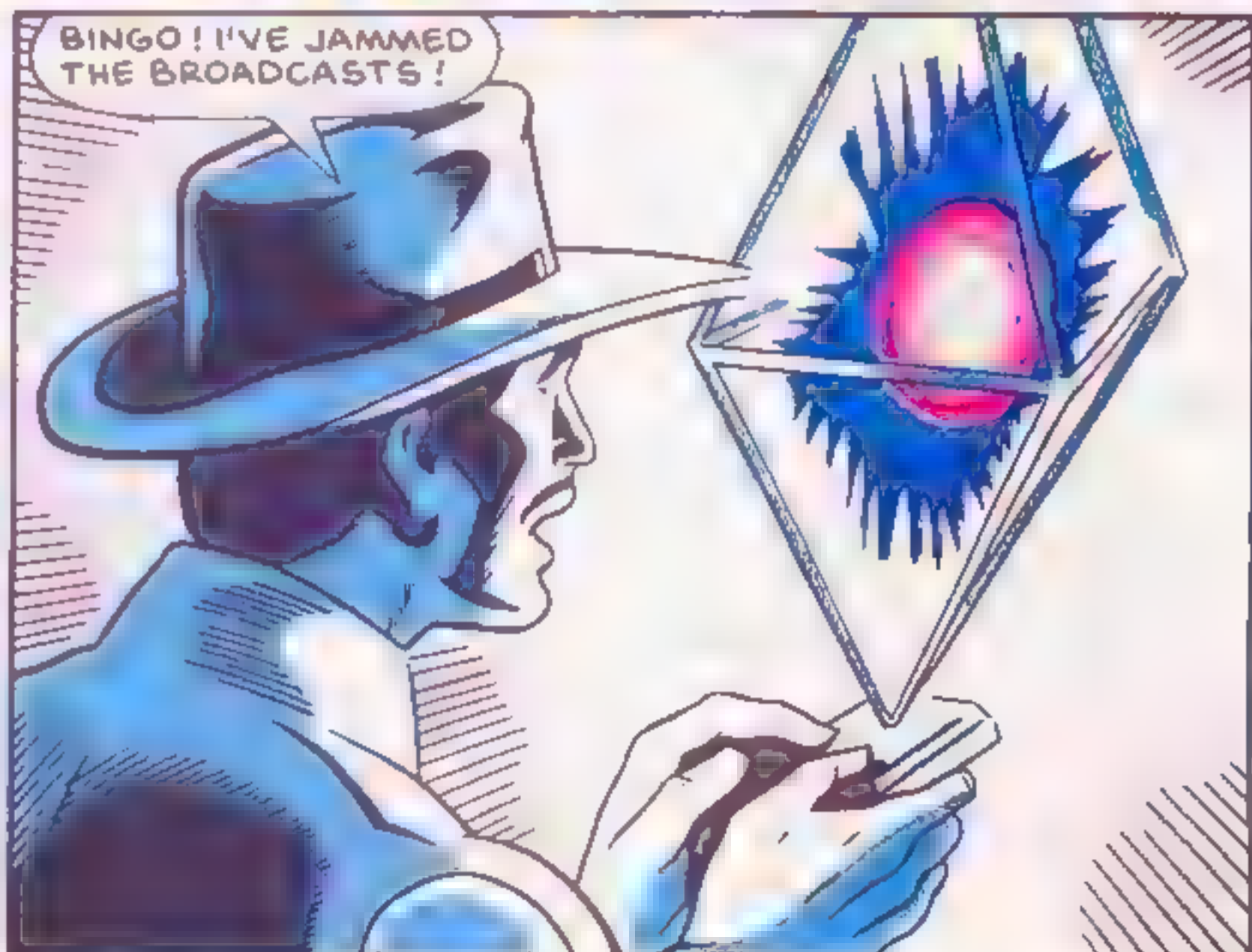
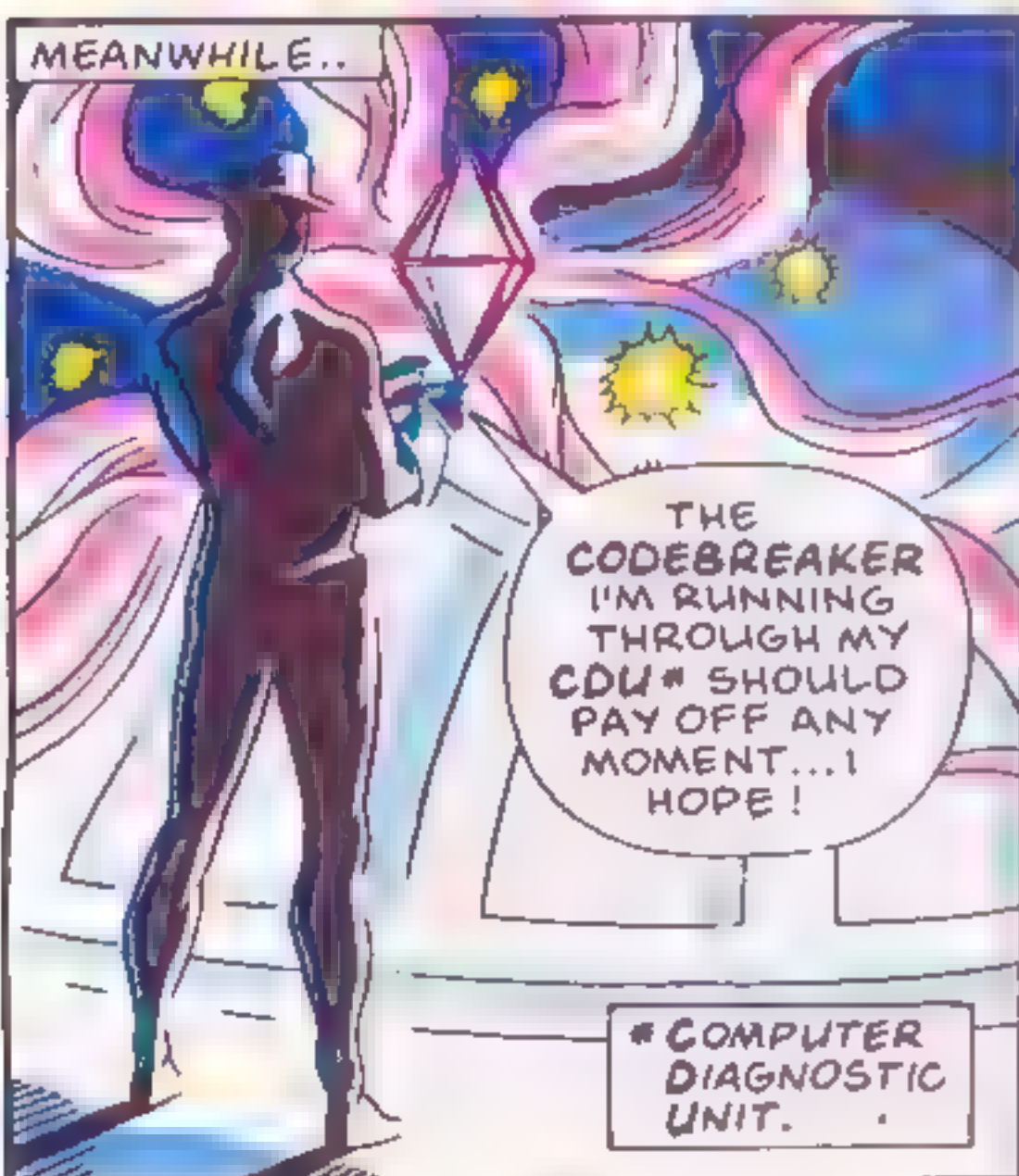
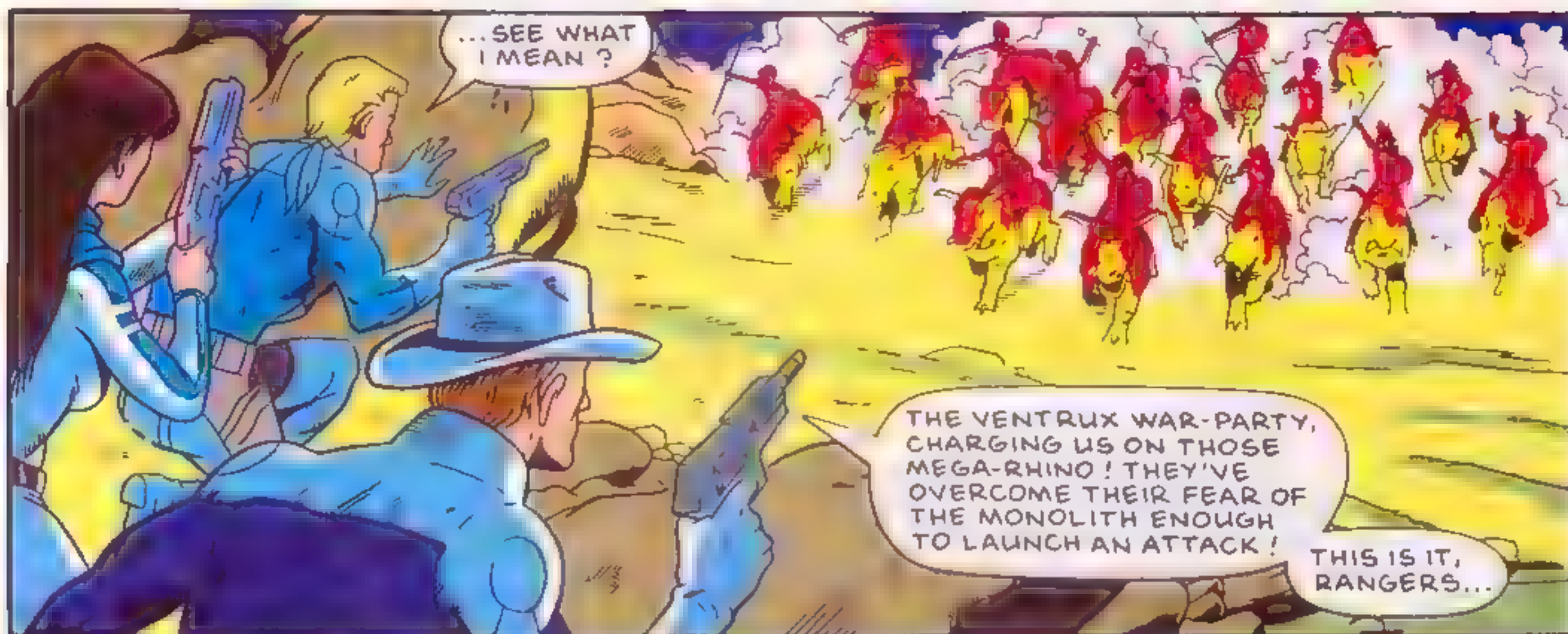
OKAY, YOU MIXED-UP
MESS OF PLASTIC
PERSONALITY...

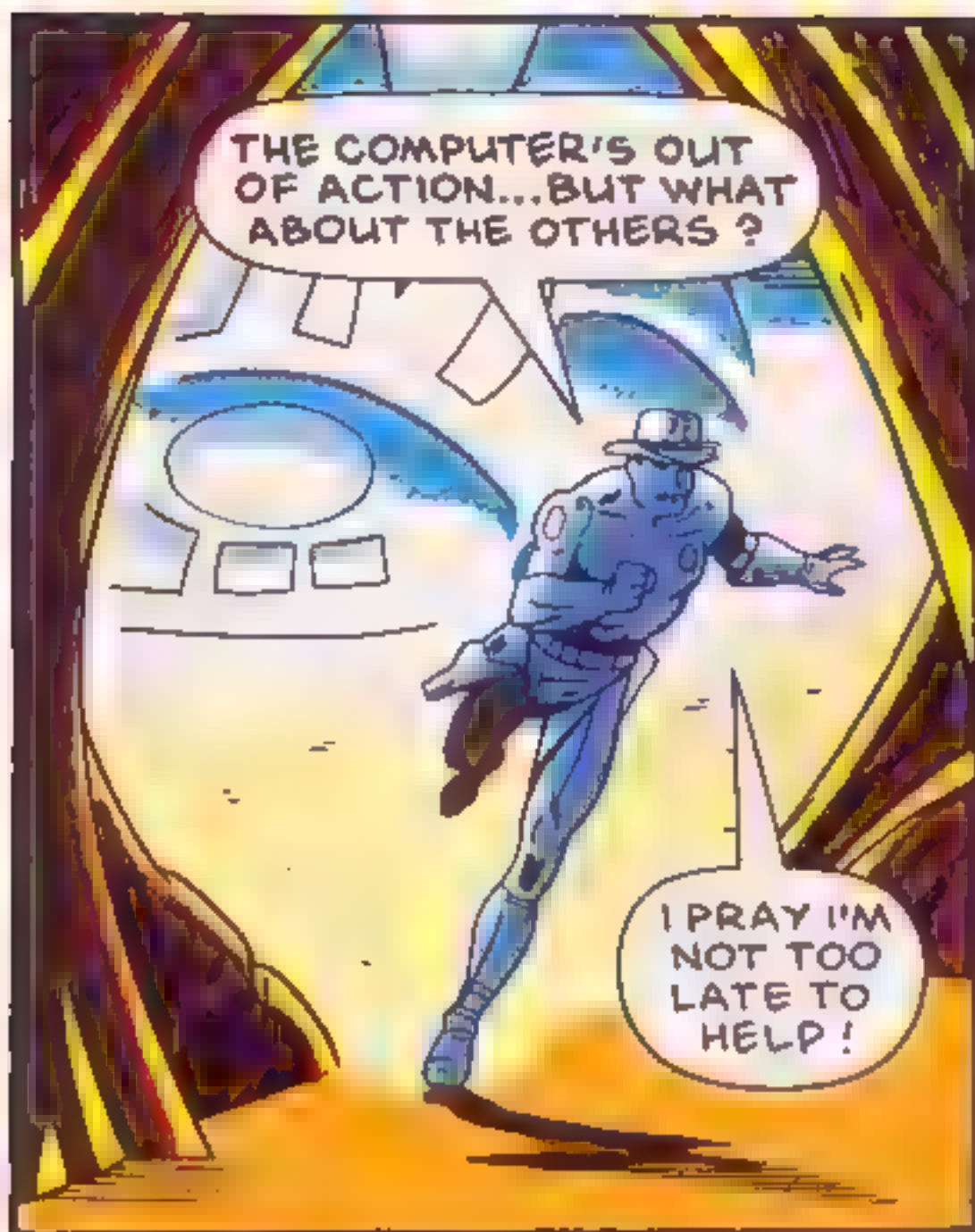
...WHAT SEEMS
TO BE THE
PROBLEM?



WHAT'S
THE STORY,
GOOSE?

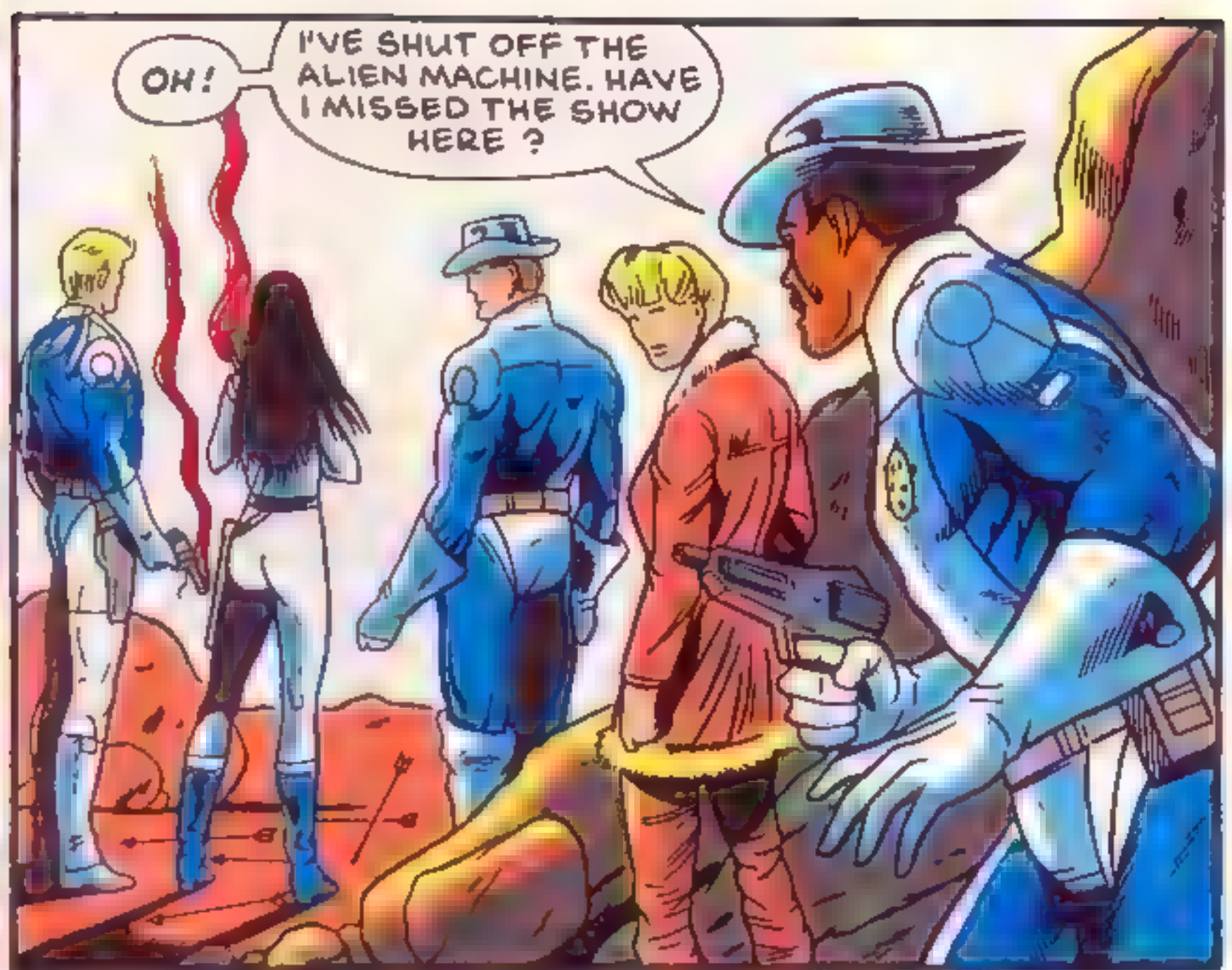
NO STORY,
ZACHERY, JUST AN
UGLY PICTURE...





THE COMPUTER'S OUT OF ACTION...BUT WHAT ABOUT THE OTHERS?

I PRAY I'M NOT TOO LATE TO HELP!



OH!

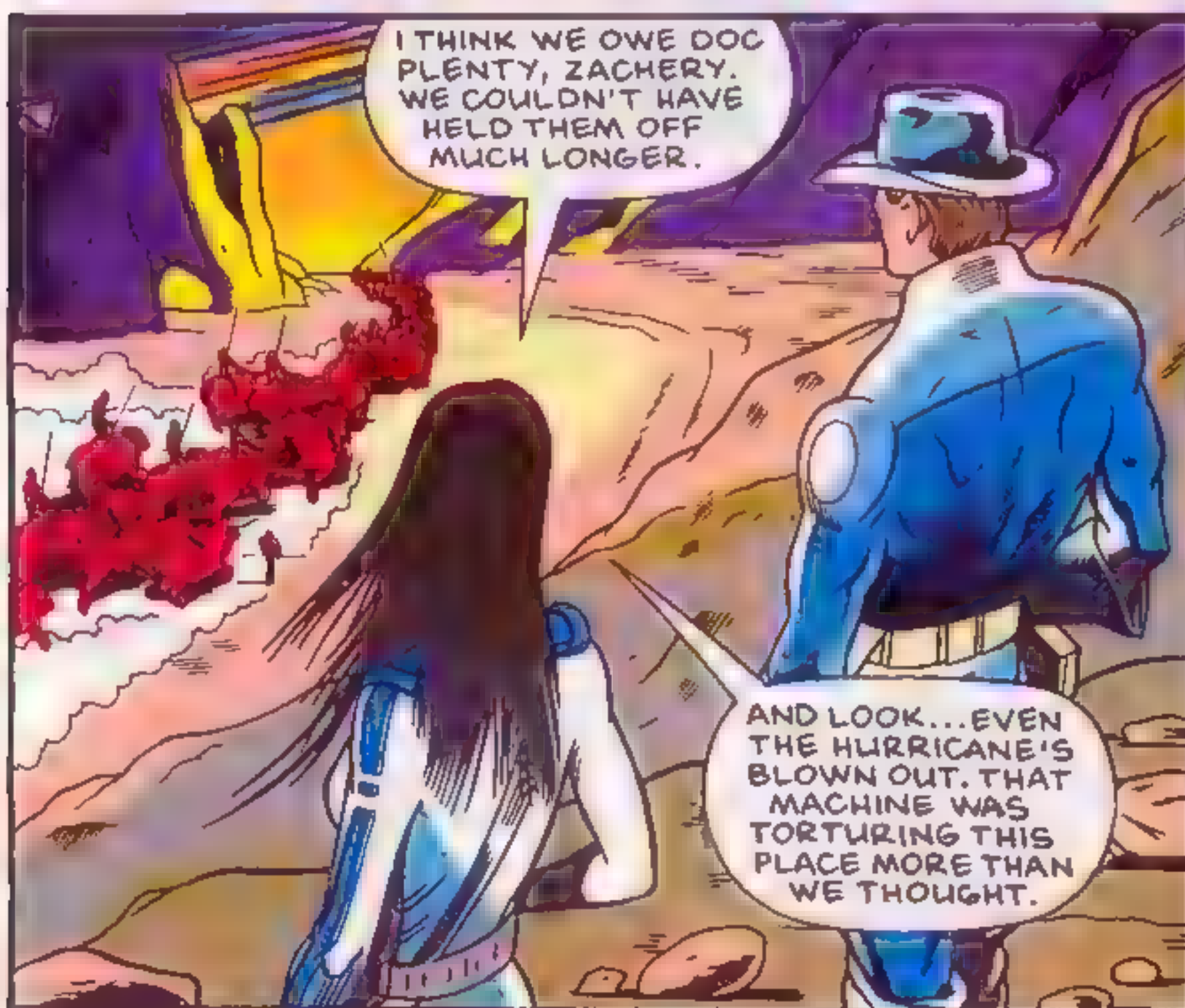
I'VE SHUT OFF THE ALIEN MACHINE. HAVE I MISSED THE SHOW HERE?



SEE FOR YOURSELF!

THEY'RE LEAVING! I NEVER THOUGHT CUTTING THE BROADCAST WOULD HAVE SUCH A CALMING EFFECT...

"...IT'S AS IF ALL HATRED HAS LEFT THEM!"



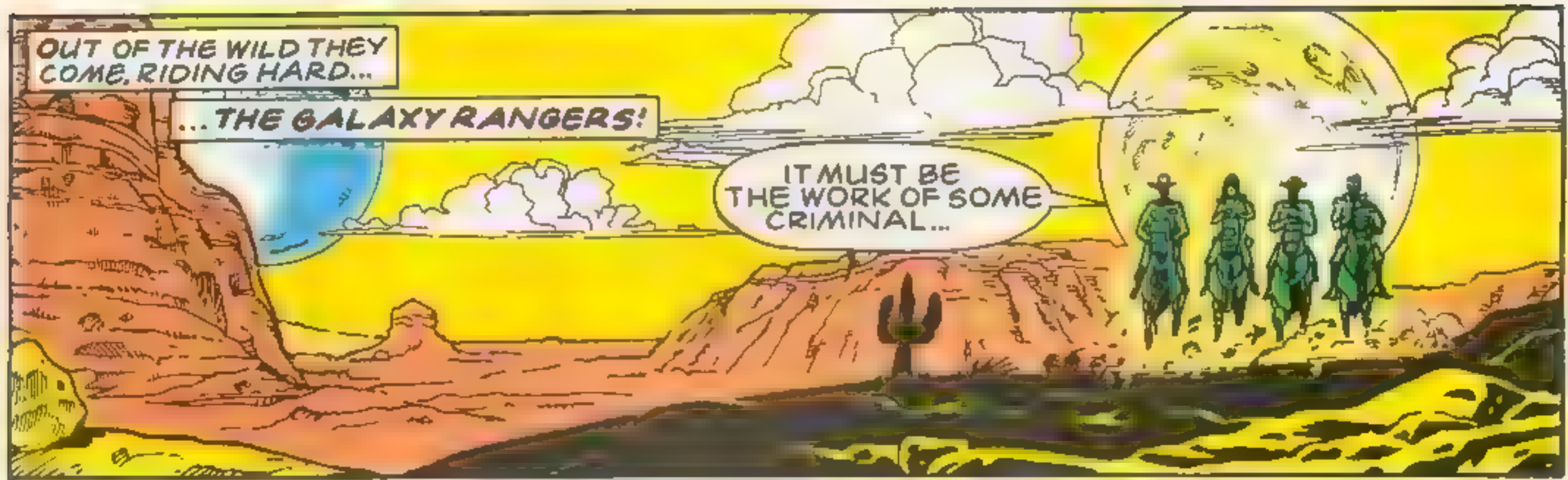
I THINK WE OWE DOC PLENTY, ZACHERY. WE COULDN'T HAVE HELD THEM OFF MUCH LONGER.

AND LOOK...EVEN THE HURRICANE'S BLOWN OUT. THAT MACHINE WAS TORTURING THIS PLACE MORE THAN WE THOUGHT.



I GUESS FROM NOW ON THEY'LL HAVE TO FIND A NEW NAME FOR THESE 'BADLANDS'!

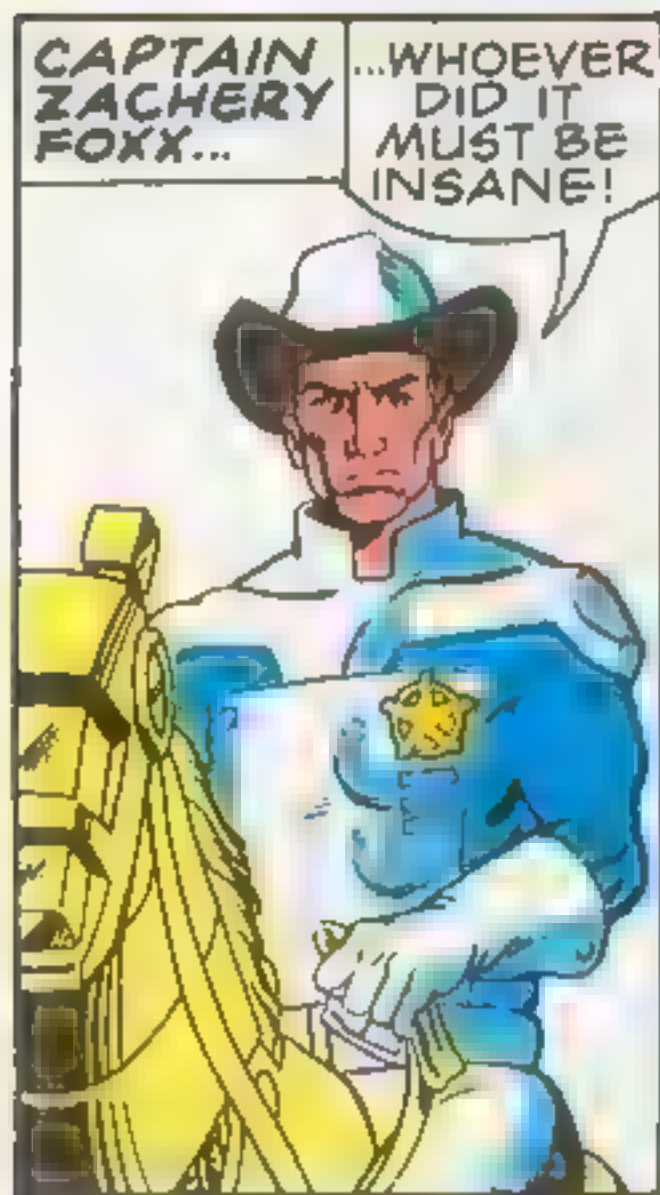




OUT OF THE WILD THEY
COME, RIDING HARD...

...THE GALAXY RANGERS!

IT MUST BE
THE WORK OF SOME
CRIMINAL...



CAPTAIN
ZACHERY
FOXX...

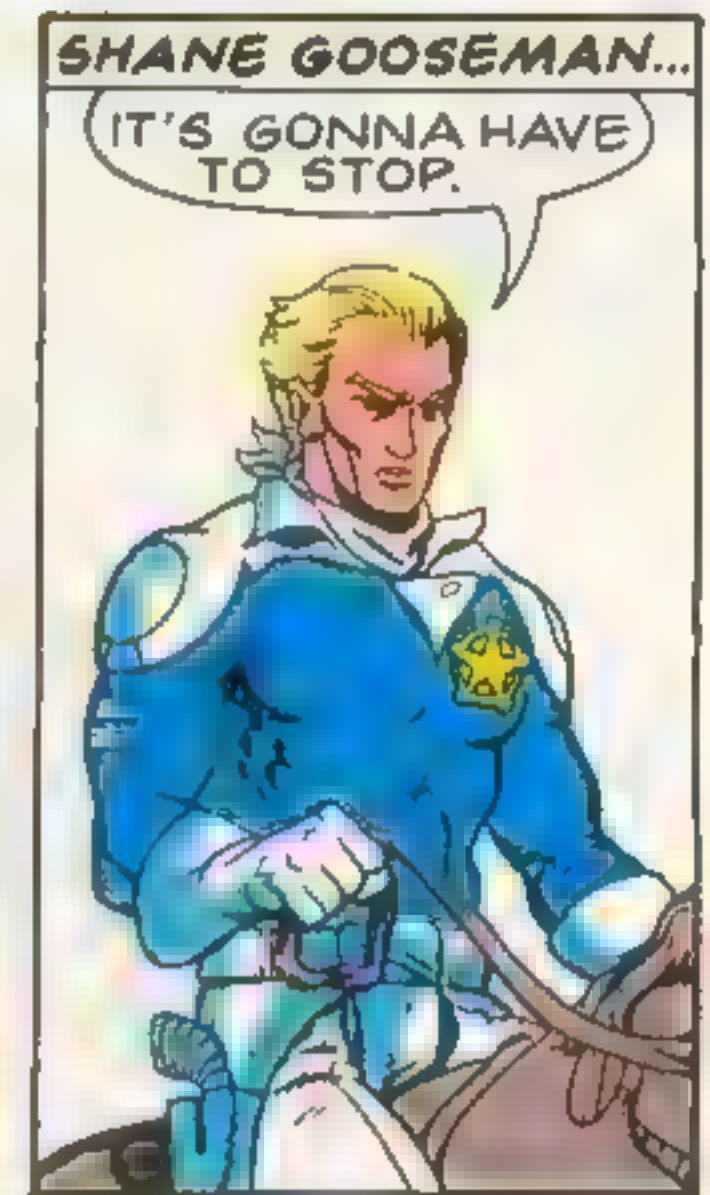
...WHOEVER
DID IT
MUST BE
INSANE!



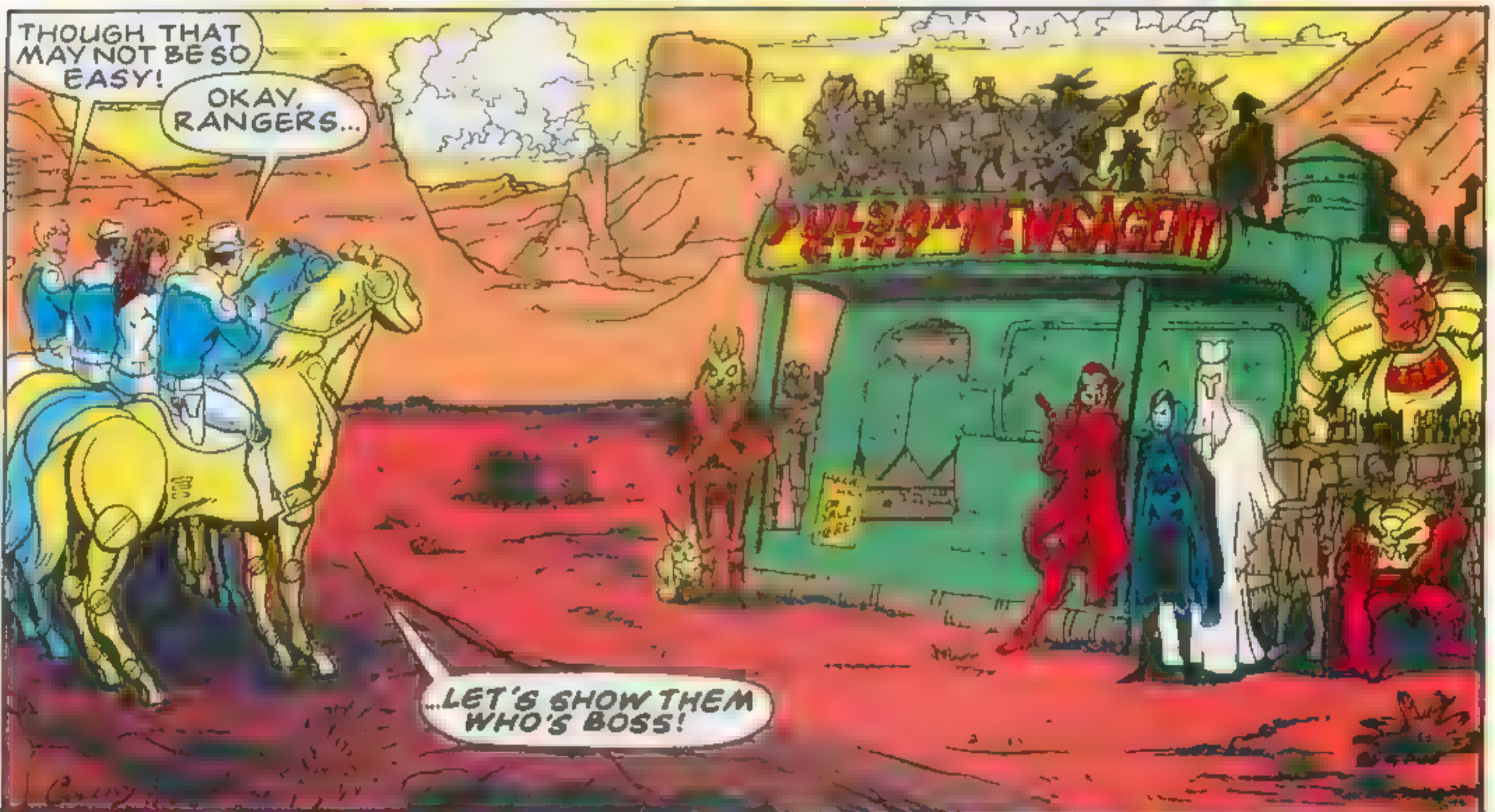
NIKO... YOU'RE RIGHT,
CAPTAIN. SO
MUCH ACTION AND
ADVENTURE IN
ONE COMIC...



'DOC' HARTFORD...
...IT'S SO EXCITING IT
MUST BE ILLEGAL!



SHANE GOOSEMAN...
IT'S GONNA HAVE
TO STOP.



THOUGH THAT
MAY NOT BE SO
EASY!

OKAY,
RANGERS...

...LET'S SHOW THEM
WHO'S BOSS!

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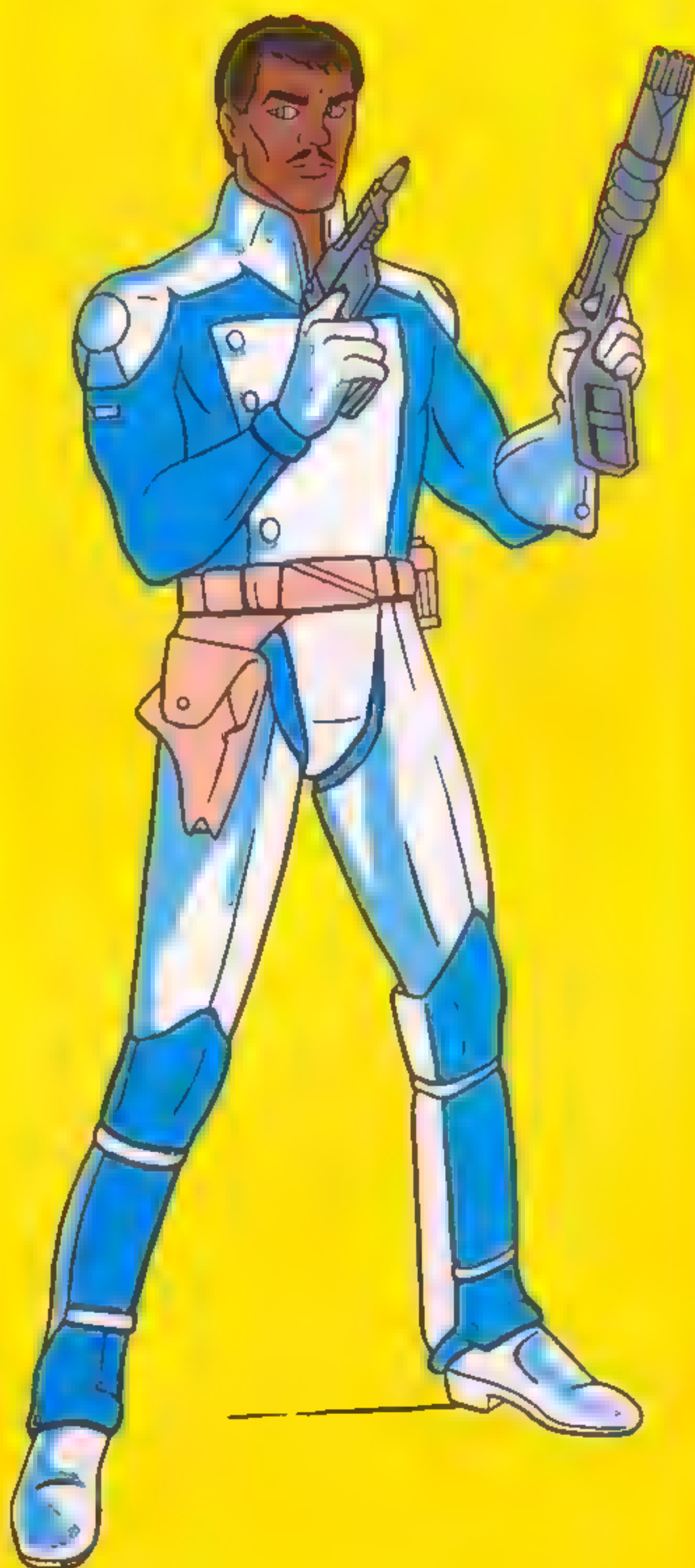
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RANGERS RECORDS



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SUBJECT NAME:
WALTER 'DOC'
HARTFORD

SUBJECT STATUS: SERIES FIVE IM-
PLANT OPERATIVE/GALAXY RANGER

SUBJECT AGE TWENTY-FIVE

PERSONAL HISTORY:

Hartford was a brilliant medical and computer psychoanalyst building a promising career in the World Federation Medical Corp. Applied for a Series Five implant hoping that it would help him deal more effectively with machines and computers. Commander Joseph Walsh offered the implant to Hartford in exchange for a five year tour of duty with the newly-formed Galaxy Rangers. Hartford accepted the assignment, but seemed totally unaware as to what this commitment involved. He does not like space travel and, initially, gave **BETA** cause for concern by continually avoiding Ranger operations away from Earth. He now seems to have overcome his fears. Hartford considers himself to be of fine breeding and cultured background. He also consistently maintains that the World Federation and **BETA** made a mistake in allowing him to join the Galaxy Rangers. However, beneath this eccentric exterior lies a dedicated and loyal Ranger ready to fight for his fellow team-members.

When a power charge is sent through Hartford's implant, he is able to generate an array of specialised computer programmes through a computer diagnostics unit (**CDU**) that he carries on his utility belt. His programmes include: **Searchlight**: to tap into databanks and retrieve information.

Tripwire: to detect and disable alarm sensors.

Firefly: to absorb or divert energy beams.

Lifeline: diagnostic medical program.

Startalker: universal translator/interpreter.

Codebreaker: to decipher alien codes.

Hartford was trained as a computer psychiatrist. He can 'talk' most computer systems into processing data at amazing speeds.

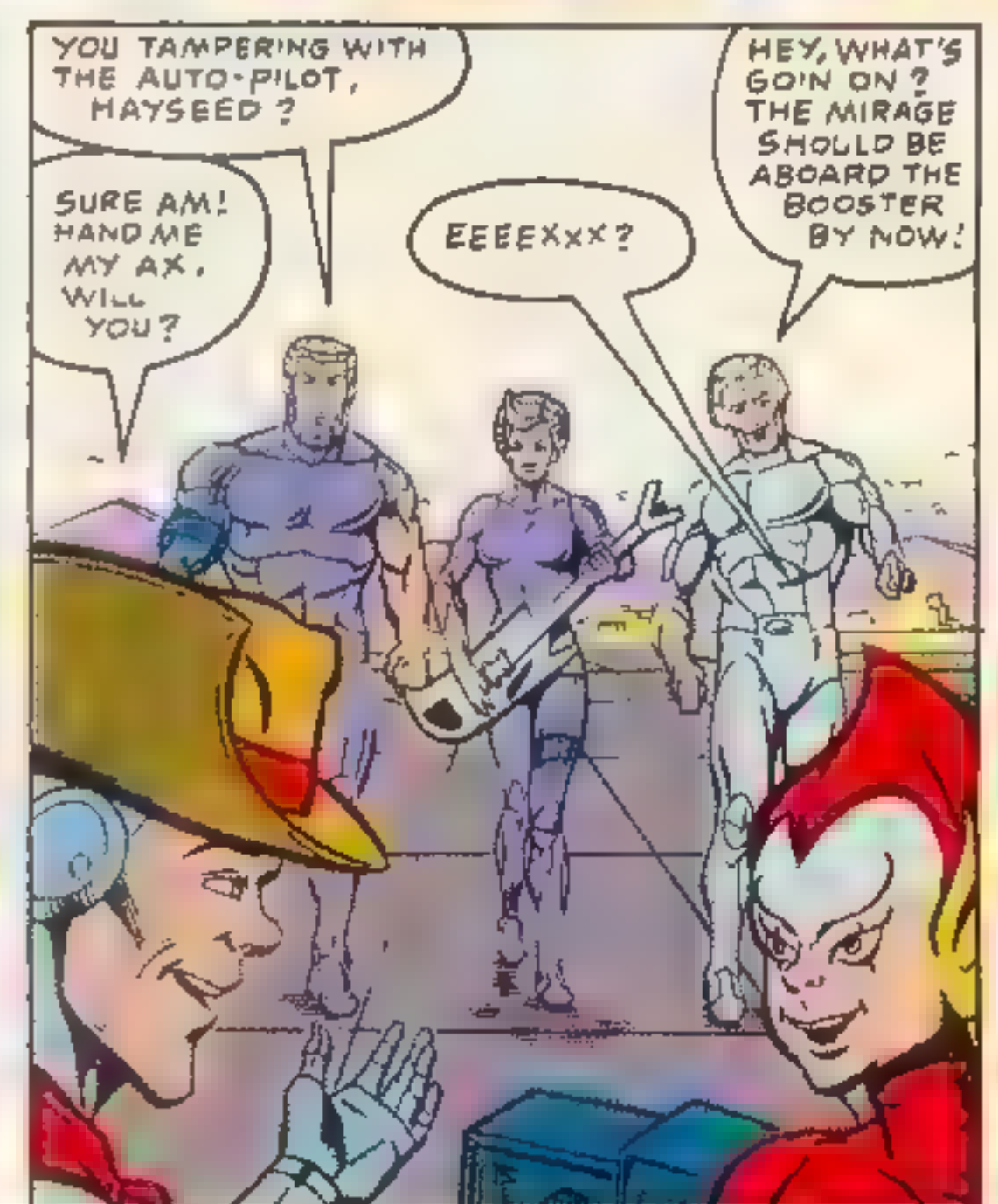
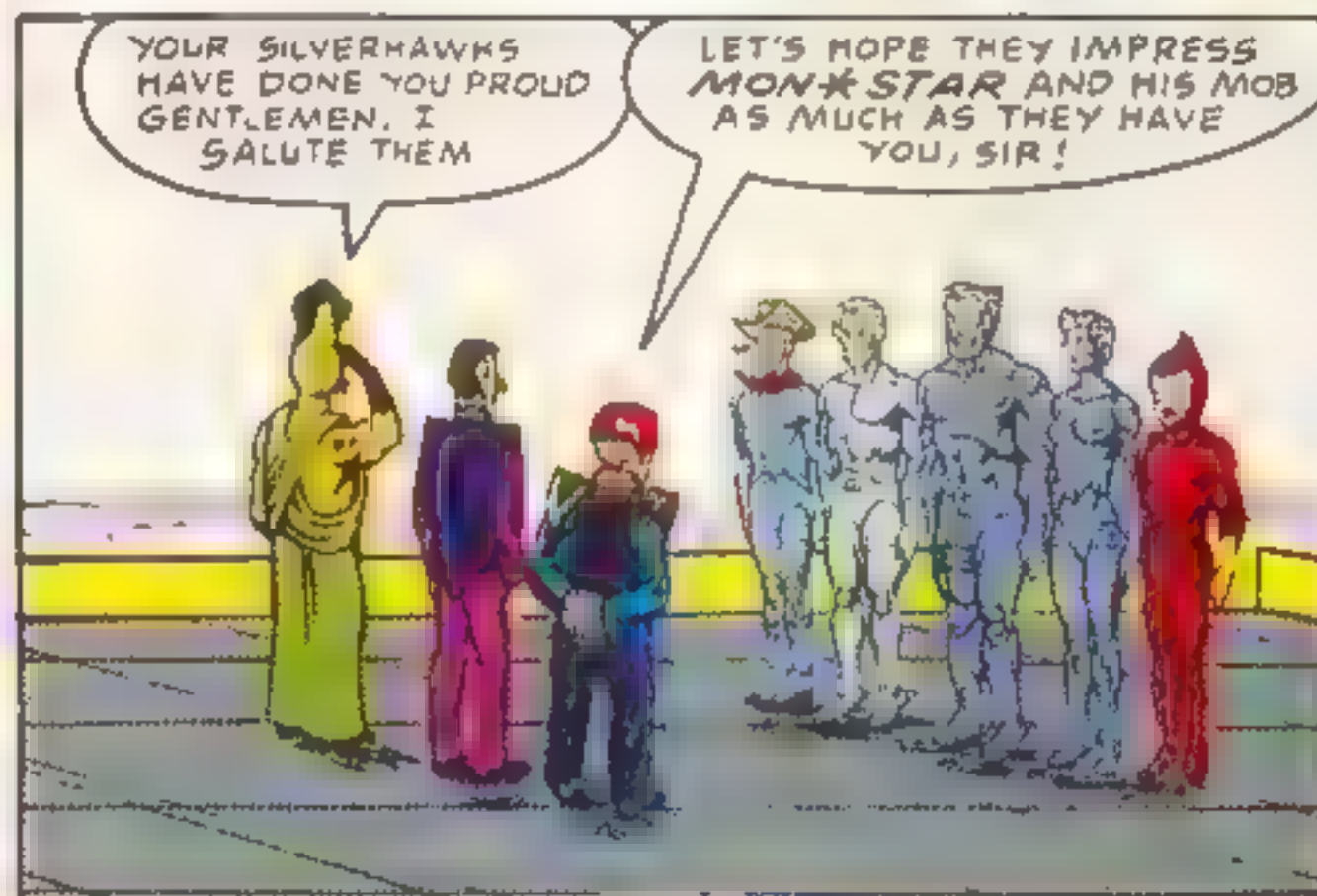
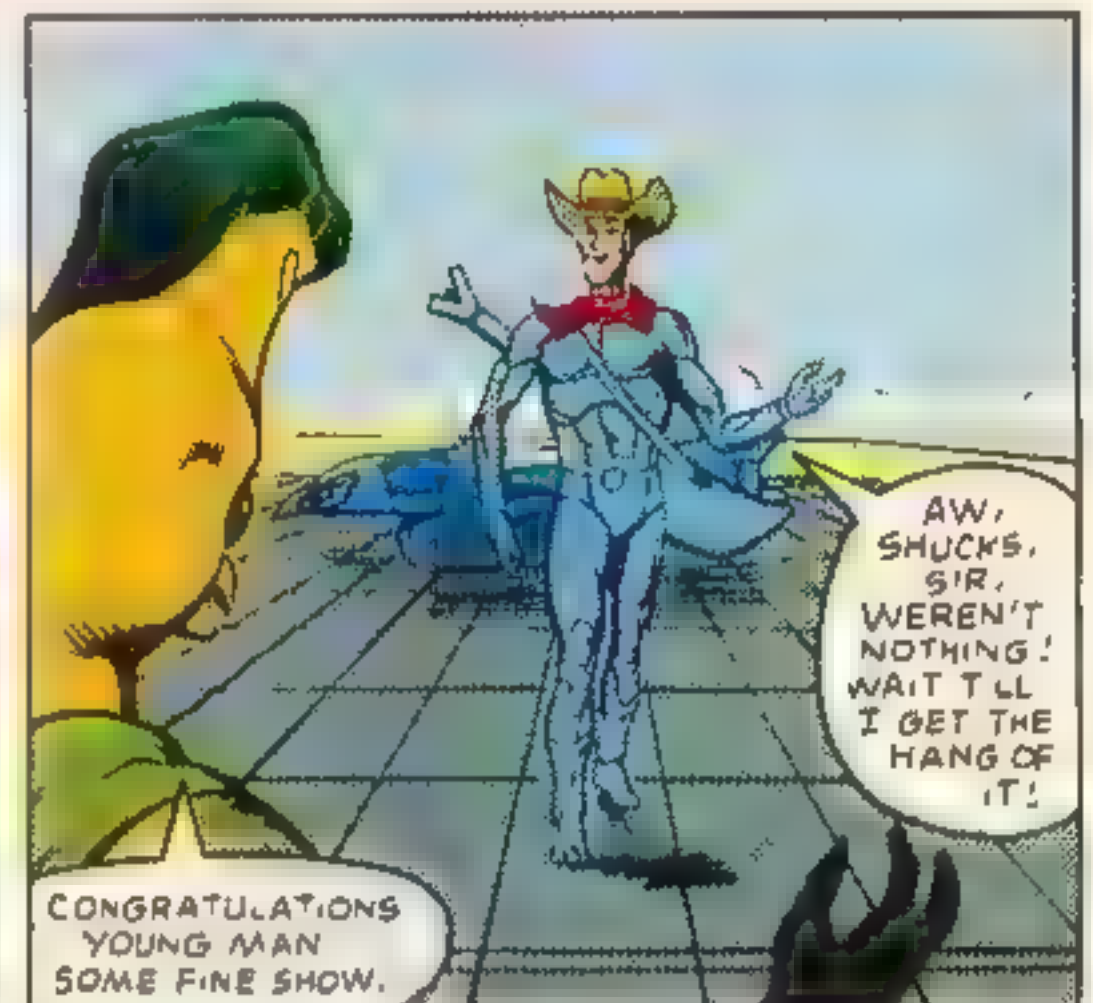
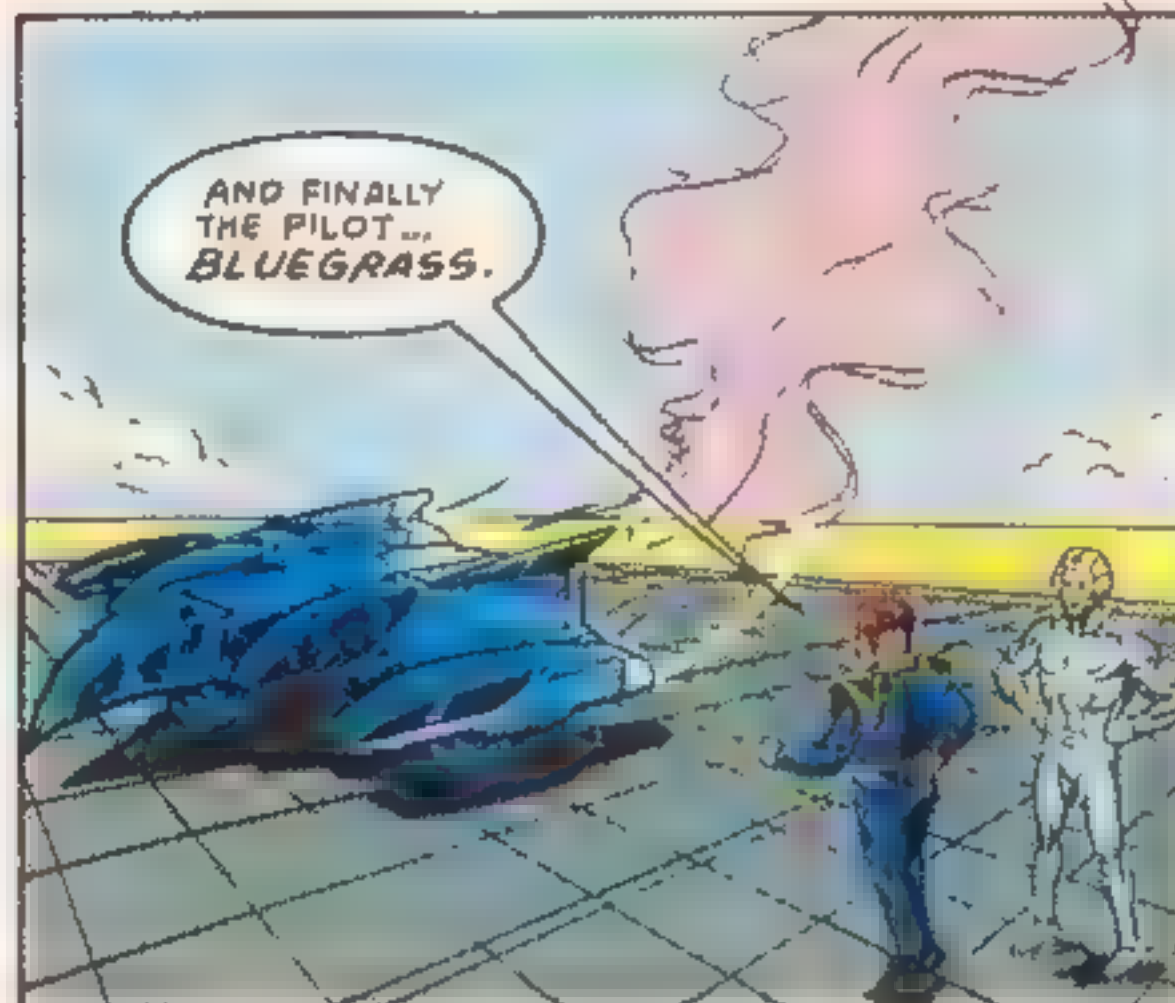


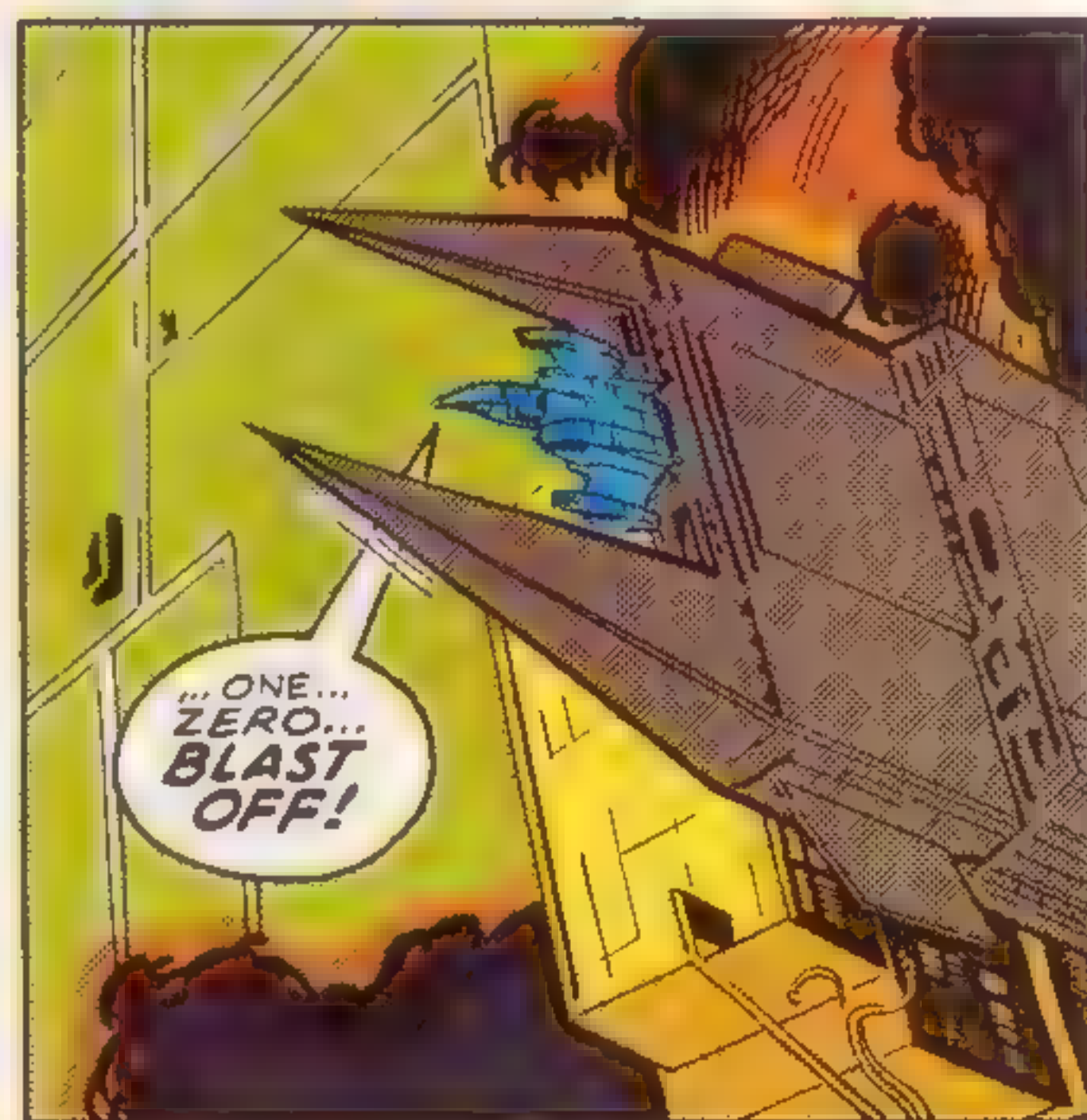
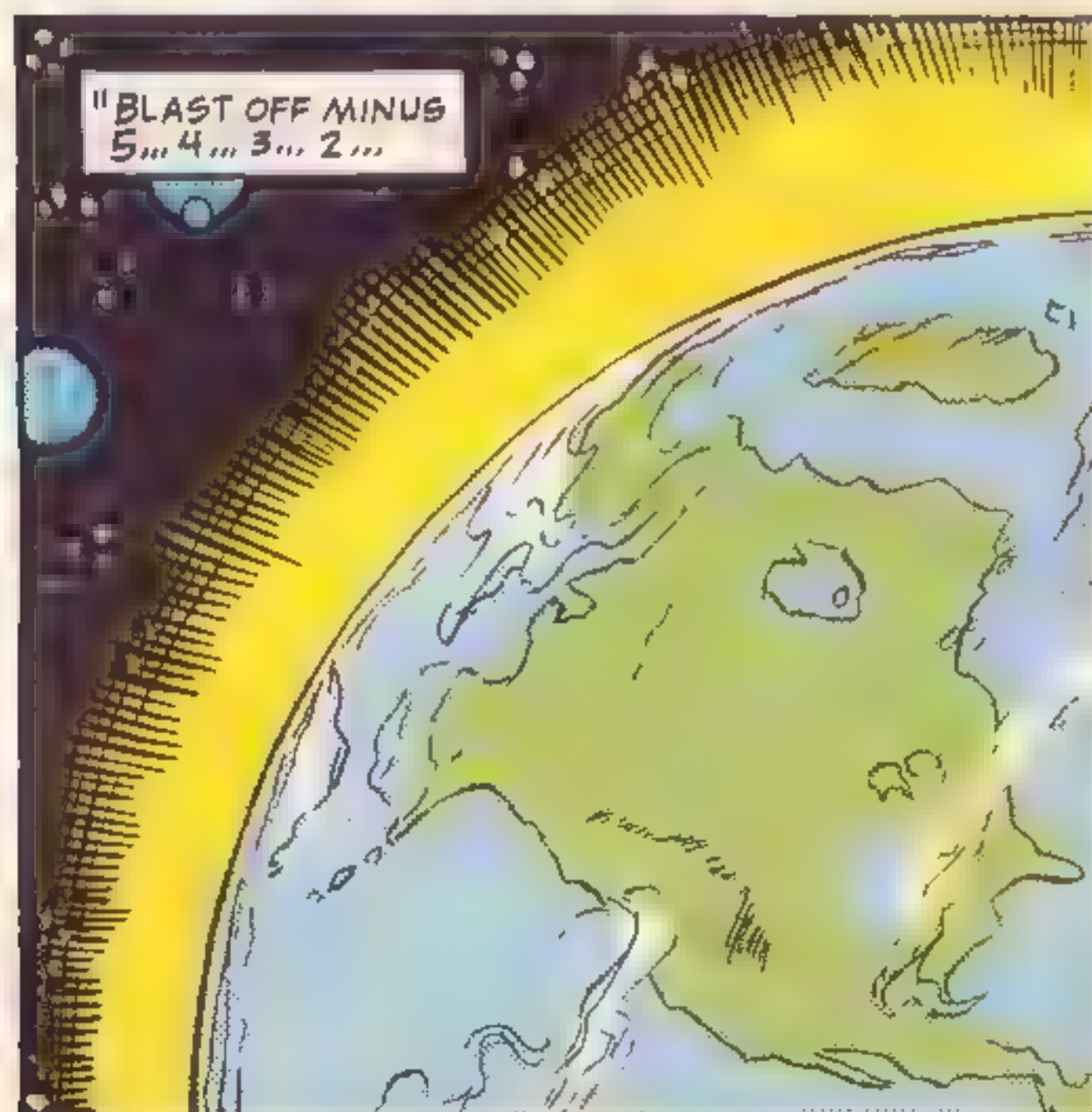
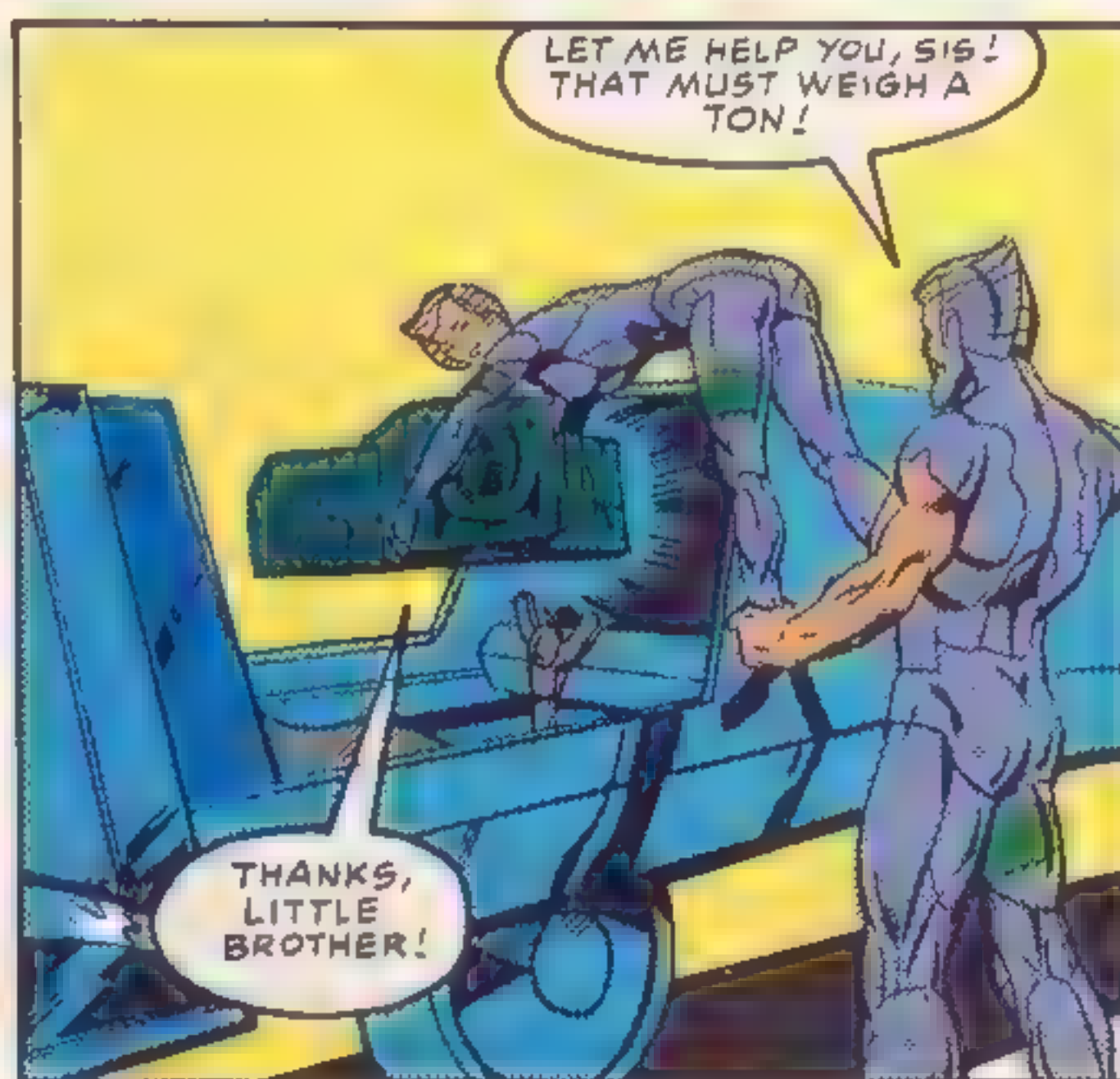
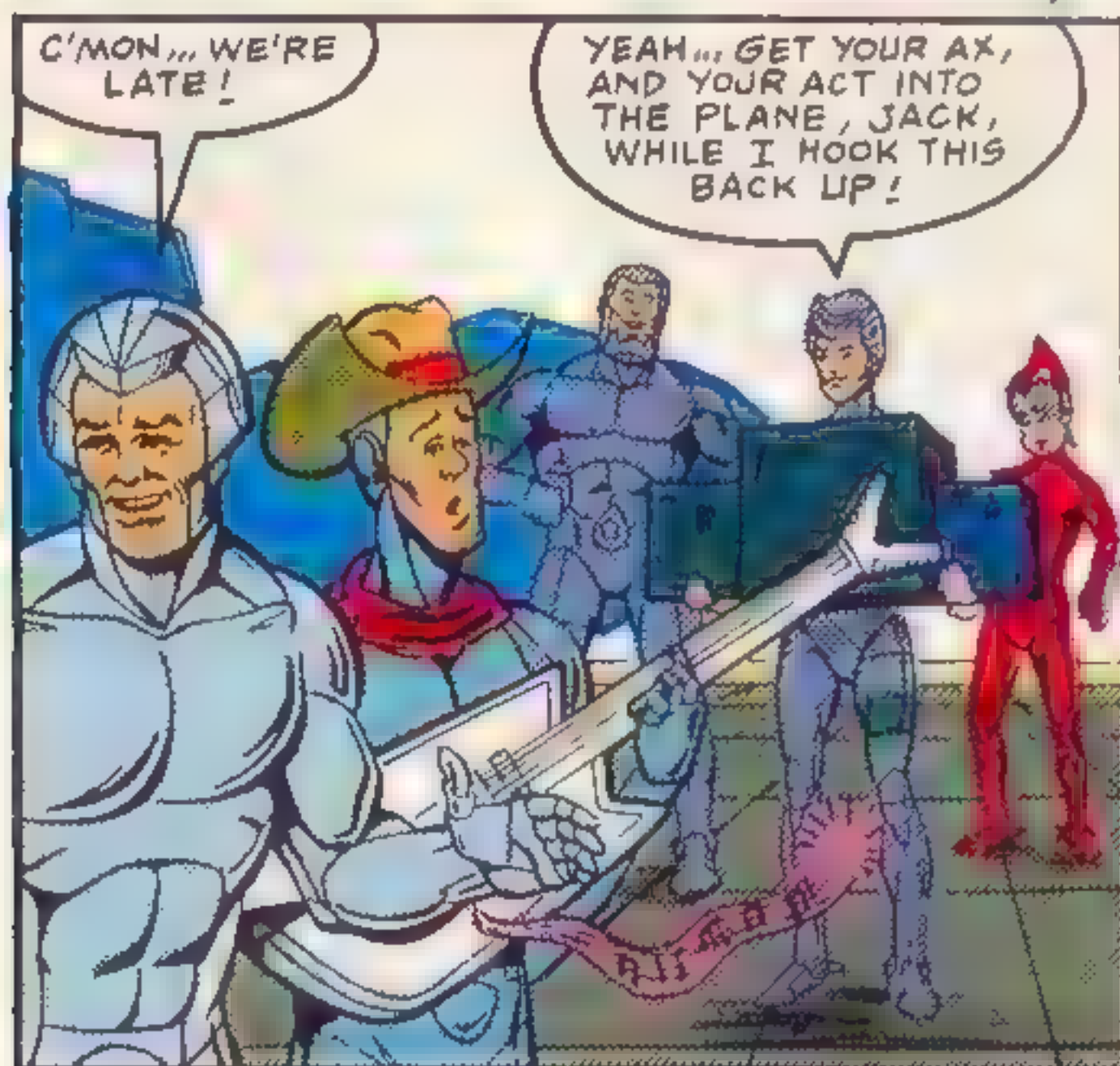
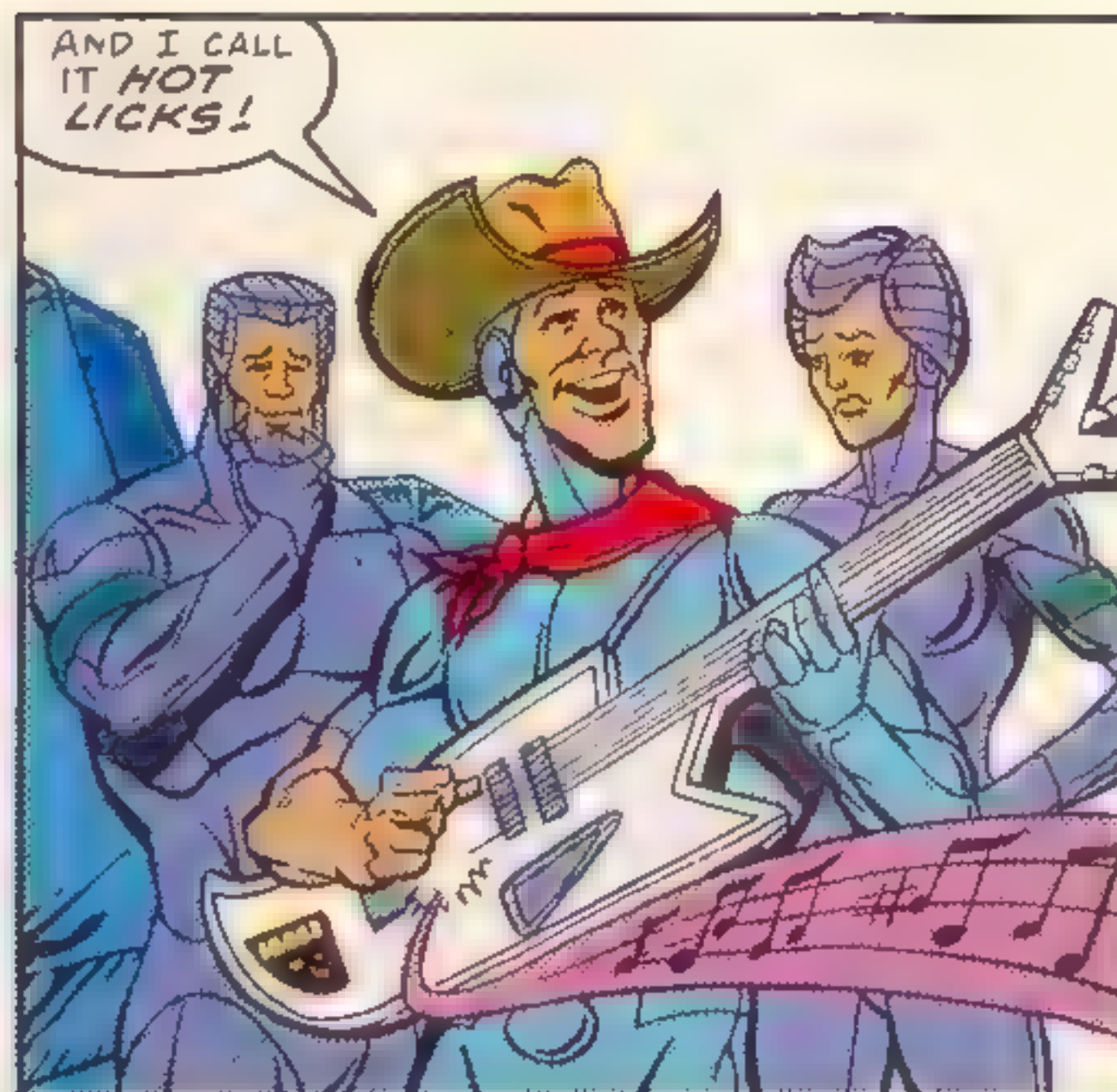
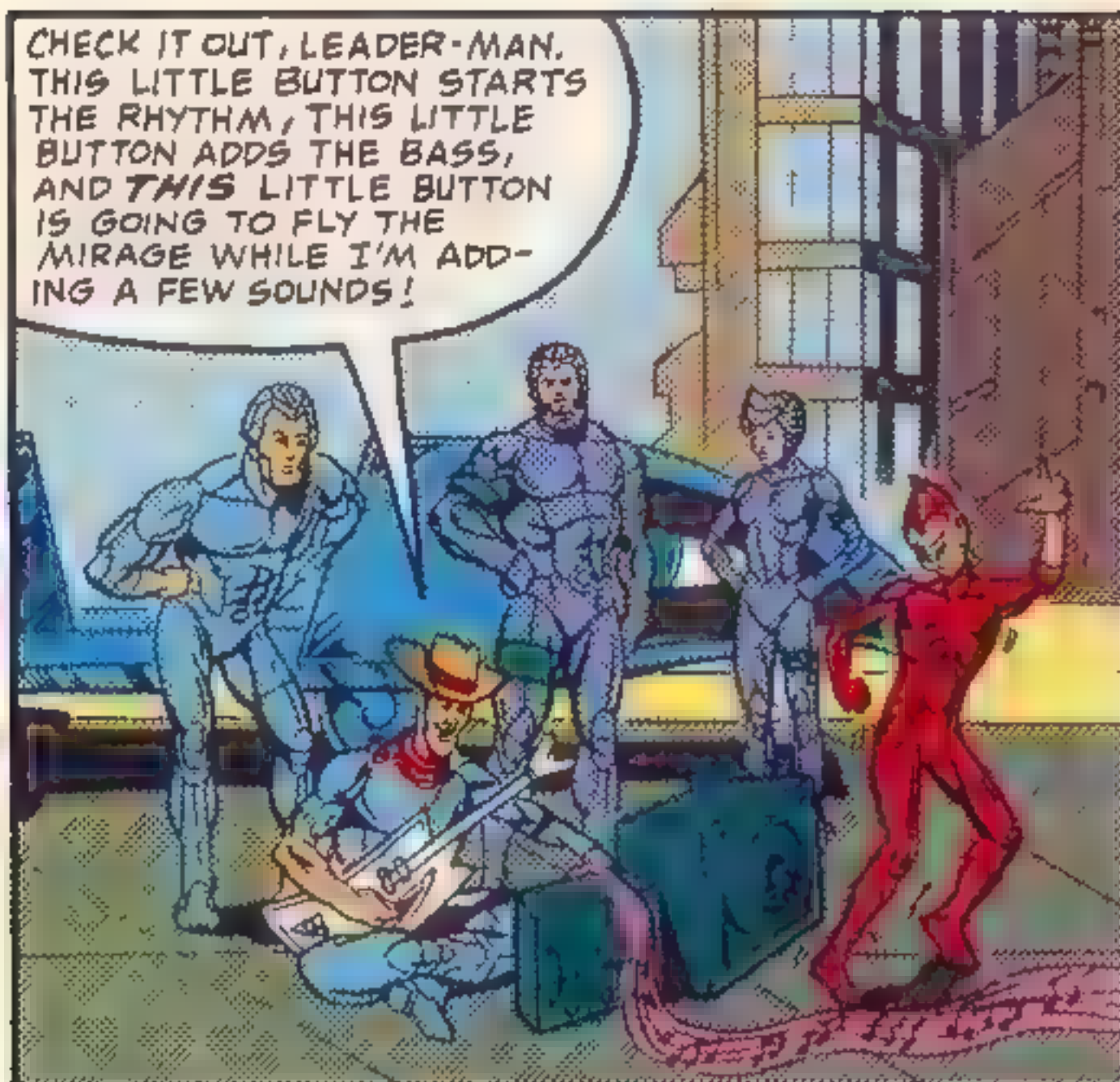
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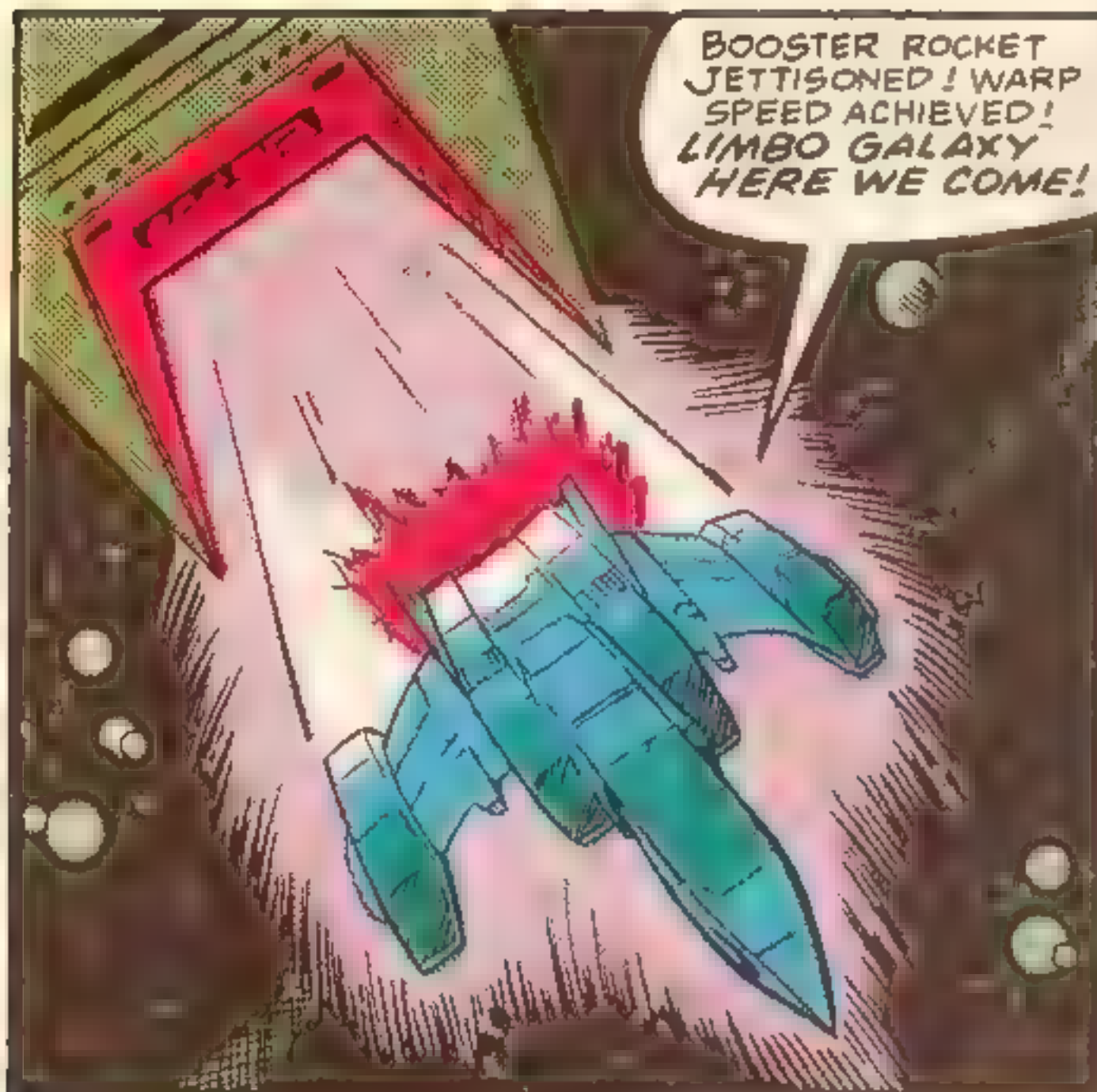
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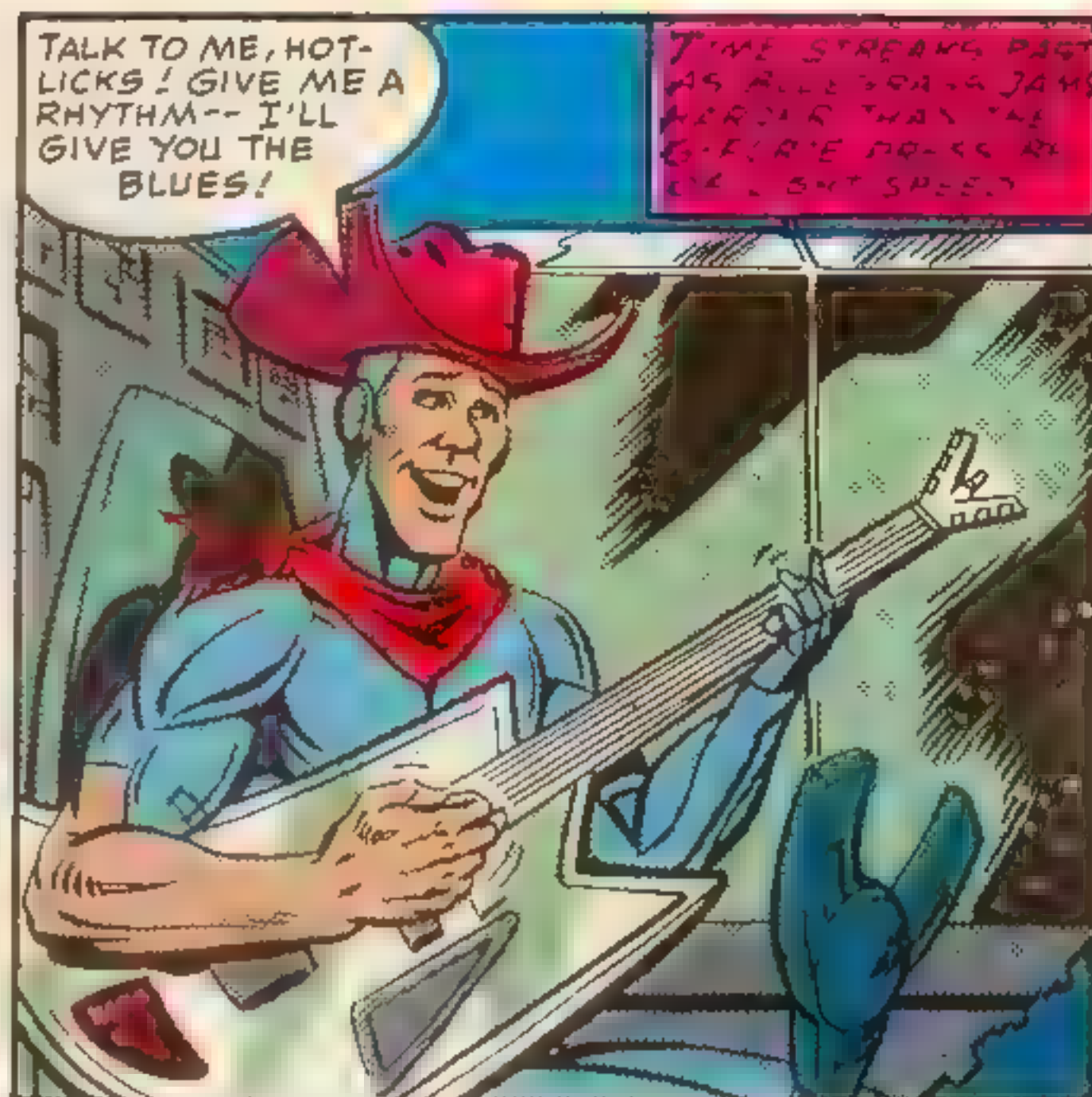
In the year 2839, the Silverhawks prepare to leave Earth to assist Commander Stargazer against the onslaught of Monkstar and his criminal mob. Before their departure, the team are introduced to the officials of the Interplanetary Federation.







BOOSTER ROCKET
JETTISONED! WARP
SPEED ACHIEVED!
LIMBO GALAXY
HERE WE COME!

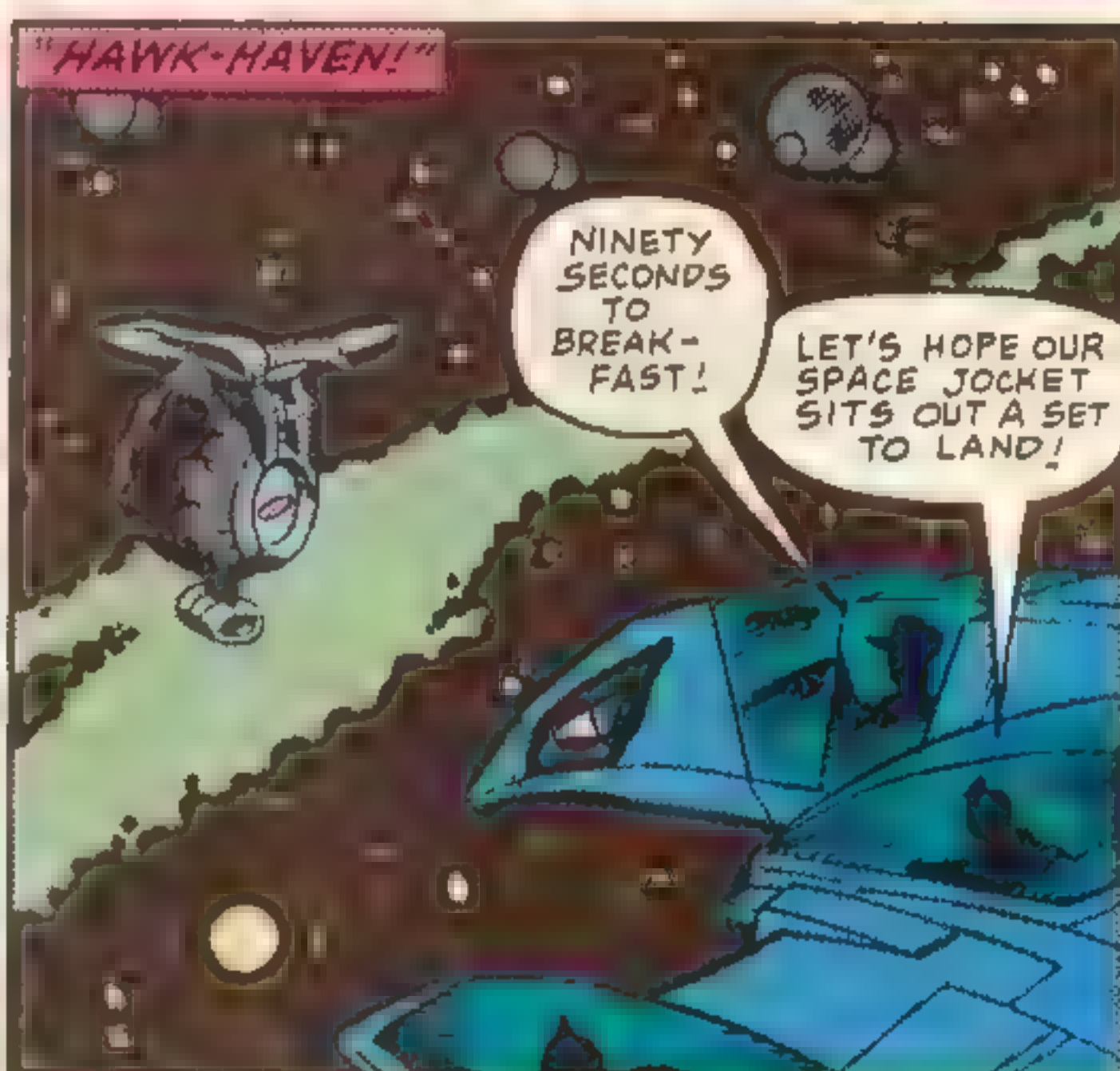


TALK TO ME, HOT-
LICKS! GIVE ME A
RHYTHM-- I'LL
GIVE YOU THE
BLUES!

TIME STREAKS PAST
AS ALL GO-A-JAMS
HARDER THAN THE
G-FIRE DOES RE-
LE- BUT SPEED



UNTIL
THERE IT IS!
HOME FOR THE
NEXT FEW
CENTURIES!



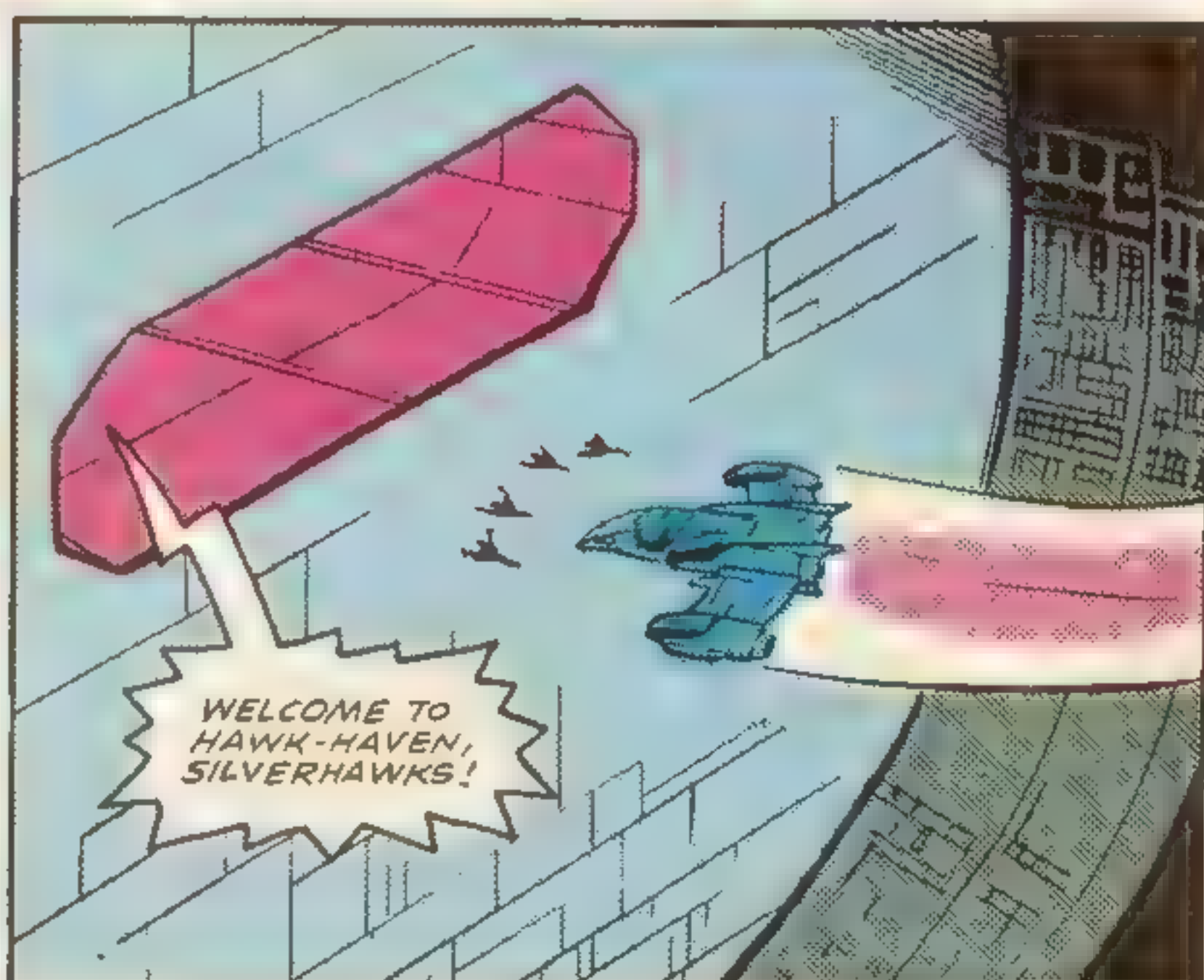
"HAWK-HAVEN!"

NINETY
SECONDS
TO
BREAK-
FAST!

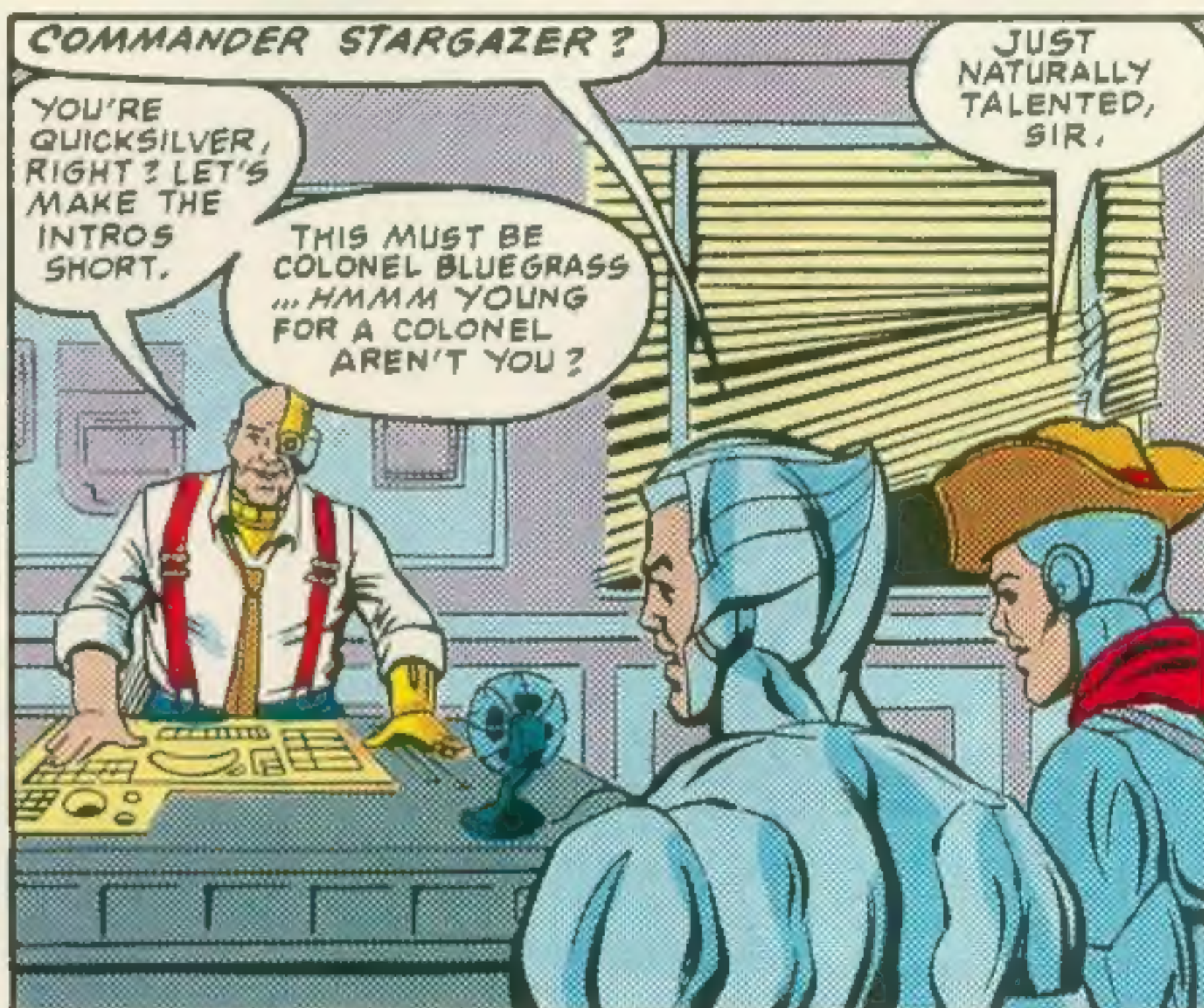
LET'S HOPE OUR
SPACE JOCKET
SITS OUT A SET
TO LAND!

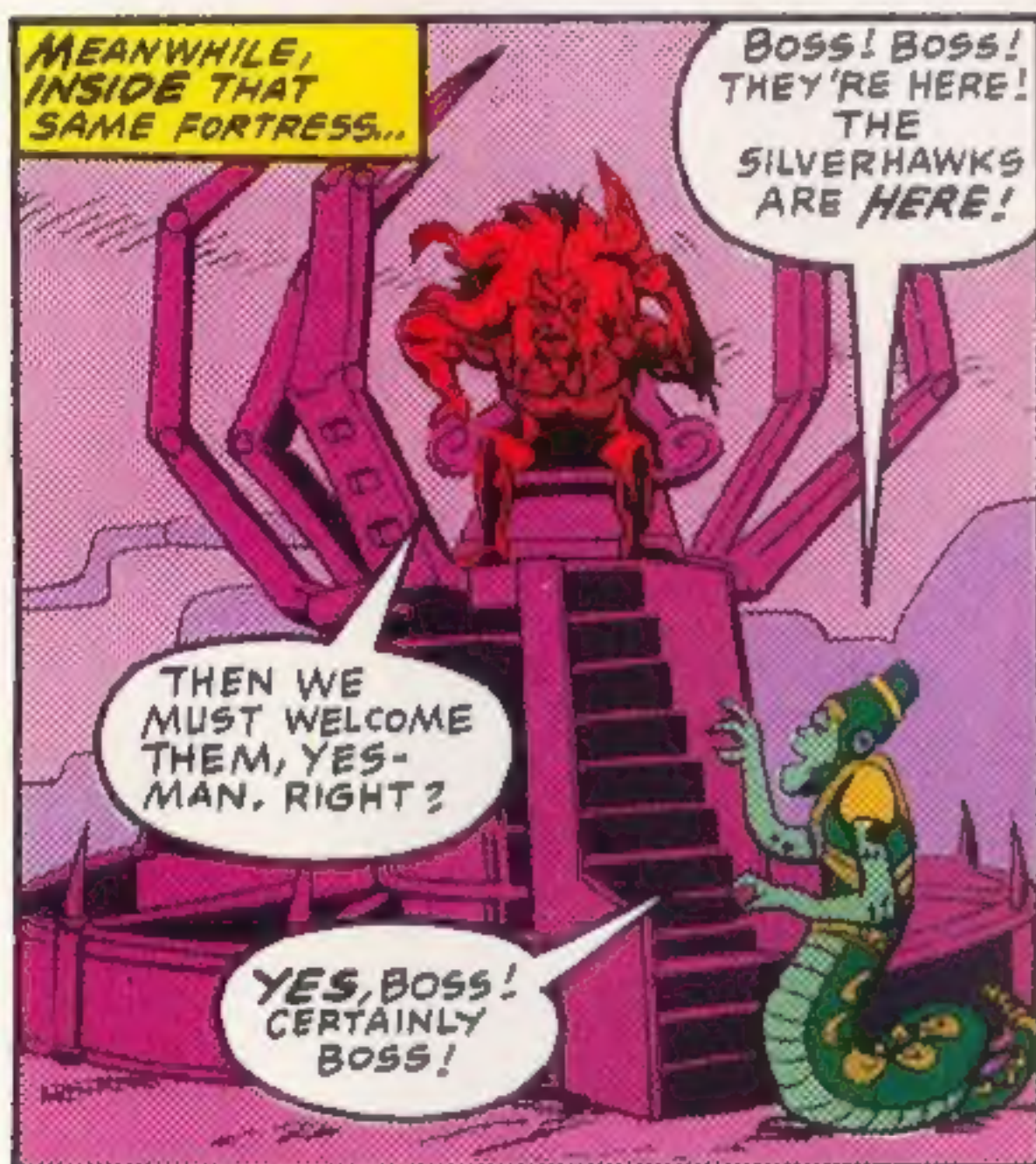
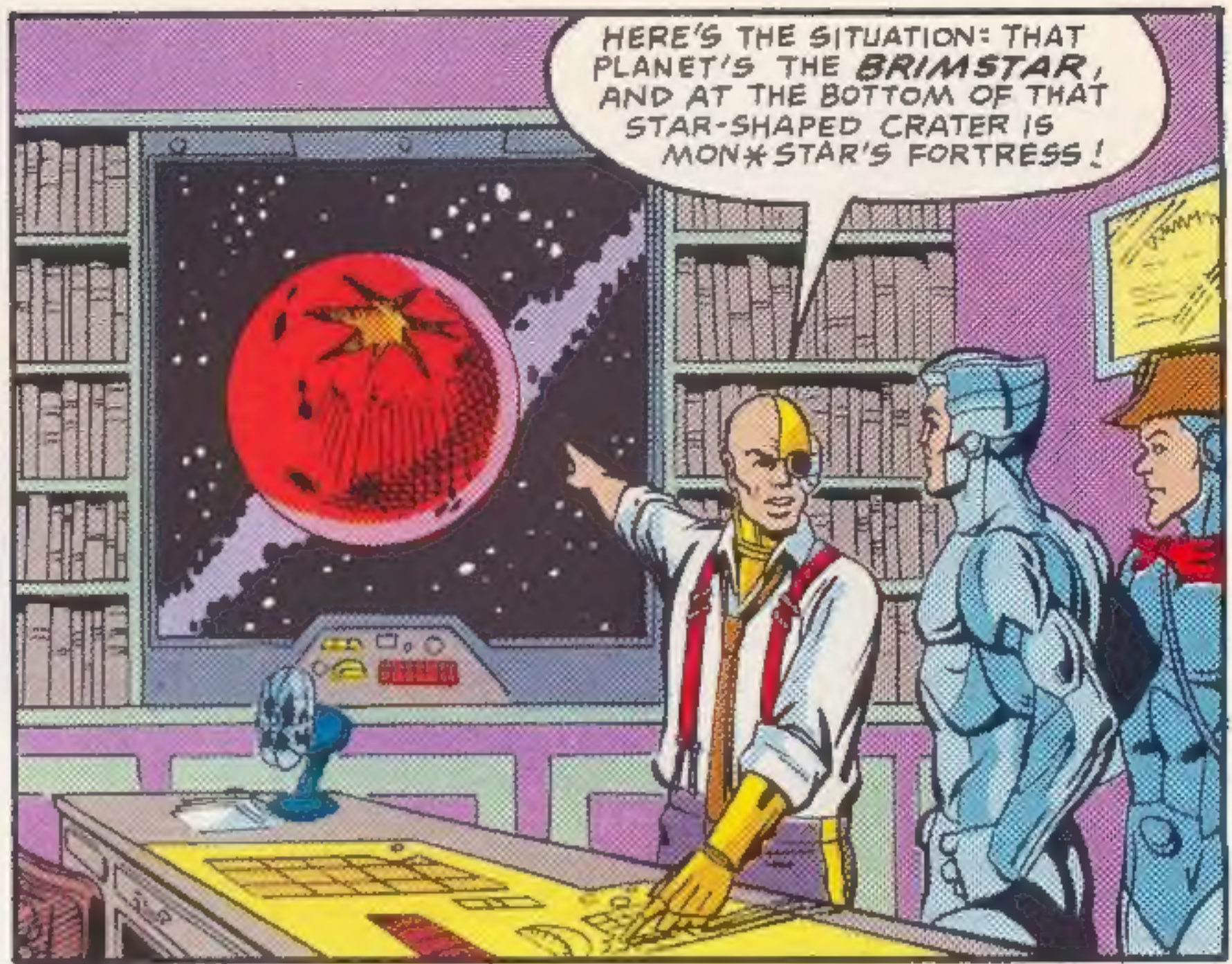


CARE TO
STRETCH
YOUR WINGS,
SILVER-
HAWKS?



WELCOME TO
HAWK-HAVEN,
SILVERHAWKS!







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